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Devastation for staff at 'The Local' as they lose jobs just nine days before Christmas

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

WITH Christmas fast approaching, the staff of 'The Local', a popular Barry off-licence, are devastated to have been told they are being made redundant.

At any time of year being faced with redundancy is distressing, but when The GEM spoke to manager Alan Peterson he said: "It's particularly horrible to face losing your job at this time of year."

For Alan and the six other members of staff, it is a bitter pill to swallow, because earlier in the year when they expressed concerns about their future, they say the message came back, 'we value you, hold in there'.

Alan explained: "It is so disappointing, because the branch here is thriving – we get between 1,200 and 1,400 callers a week from all over Barry.

"We are one of 11 Welsh shops that were given a final day of December 16, and on that day 380 shops in the Threshers group will close nationwide.

"All seven members of staff need to find a job as soon as possible, because all we get is basic redundancy.

"Among the staff, we have a 20-year-old female student, four people in their 30s and 40s, and two aged 60.

"Four of the members of staff have 82 years service for the company, and we're really unhappy and sick about what's happened.

"Since some of our customers have found out, they've been bringing in cards of appreciation for the service we've given over the years."

Situated on St Nicholas Road with a convenient car park, The Local was the ideal place for many people in the town to stop off on the way home to select a bottle of wine for the evening or weekend.

Alan, who is well known in the town as the president of the Sea View Lads Angling Club, said: "The building has something of a history, being the first purpose-built store in the Vale of Glamorgan.

LEFT: Alan Peterson – "Four of the staff have a total of 82 years service with the company...We're really unhappy and sick about what's happened."

"It used to serve people on the barges and boats that tied up near The Ship."

It became a bottling brewery after the Second World War, and was then taken over by a succession of off-licence groups, including the Arthur Cooper off licence chain, Roberts and Cooper, the Peter Dominic family and, finally, Threshers.

Stock is now being heavily discounted, to clear the shelves before the store finally shuts its doors in mid-December.

Alan added: "Because of the location of the building, I don't think it will take long for someone to take it over.

"If it was 20 years ago, I would have been tempted to take it over myself, but in this economic climate it seems too much of a risk."

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BARRY TEST CENTRE IS EARMARKED TO CLOSE

'Outrageous decision' stuns Vale

BARRY Driving Test Centre – the only centre of its kind in the Vale – will close on March 26 next year.

The news will come as a bitter disappointment to driving instructors and learner drivers in Barry and the Vale, who will now have to travel to either Cardiff or Bridgend for practice sessions on local streets, and to take the test itself.

Politicians were quick to express their disappointment at the announcement by the Driving Standards Authority.

The Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, told The GEM: "I was extremely disappointed to receive a letter from Paul Clark, the Parliamentary Undersecretary of State, with ministerial responsibility for the DSA, confirming that the closure will go ahead.

"I do not believe that closing the centre is the right decision and I repeat what I said in my earlier representations against this closure.

"As the largest town in Wales, Barry needs its own test centre.

"We know that reliance on a Cardiff Test Centre would be costly for test centre candidates, as well as local driving instructors.

"Furthermore, at a time of economic downturn, it is vital that we support our young people in acquiring skills, such as driving competence, which will enhance their employability."

She added: "I will, therefore, be making further representations, including writing to the Minister to request that he visits Barry to discuss this issue further."

Regional Assembly Member Andrew RT Davies pointed out: "This news adds an additional burden and expense on learner drivers, who already face high car insurance bills, together with expensive lessons and rocketing petrol prices.

"It is also a disappointment for the town of Barry, which has lost a well-used public facility."

Coun Gwyn John, who represents Llantwit Major on the Vale Council, said: "This will mean that people in Llantwit and the surrounding villages, who are taking tests, are likely to have longer waits and face greater expense.

"It is outrageous – particularly when you think that there is a population of 121,000 people in the Vale."

Coun John said another reason the decision was mystifying was because he understood the Vale Council had been attempting to find an alternative location for the driving test centre.

Local councillor Chris Elmore said he was disappointed with the way the DSA had spurned offers of alternative locations.

"The Vale Council offered two sites within Barry and I had been in discussions with the Business Centre in Barry about an alternative site, and all this has so far been ignored by the DSA. I hope that even at this late stage, the DSA will accept to sit around the table with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and others who want to help the DSA retain this vital service for Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan."

In October, The GEM reported that the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) had an option to break from the lease on the building in Barry's Dock View Road in January 2010, and that it intended to take it.

A DSA spokesman said at the time: "*While the lease at Barry does not expire until December 2015, the forthcoming option to break the tenancy lease in January 2010 has provided the agency with the opportunity to review its service provision.*

"The nearest alternative centre to Barry is located at Cardiff, which, at a distance of approximately 7.7 miles, is within the 20-mile travel distance criterion applicable to the area.

"In addition to Cardiff, another alternative within the travel distance criteria is Bridgend, located approximately 18.5 miles from Barry.

"Operationally, these centres meet the agency's requirements in terms of test routes and customer and staff facilities, and have the spare capacity to absorb demand from Barry, without compromising waiting time service targets."

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'Pencoedtre Woods ARE protected'

WITH regard to last week's letter from Dennis Harkus headed 'So why have councillors?' I write to express my disappointment that his letter was both inaccurate and misleading.

He asserted that "*Pencoedtre Woods, then, is to be the next part to ….be sacrificed*".

This is completely untrue, as the woods have been protected by Countryside Council for Wales and they have been designated a site of Special Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI). The land which was granted planning permission was part of the wider site, originally designated for employment in the Unitary Development Plan, and the planning committee members granted planning permission after first visiting the site.

I support anyone's right to express an opinion, but I take issue when that opinion is not based on the true facts, but in fact seeks to mislead.

Coun Jeffrey James, (Planning committee chairman, Vale of Glamorgan Council)

Dog owners who take the lead

FOLLOWING last week's letter headed "Let's all follow the simple rules" in response to a plea to aggressive dog owners to keep their dogs under control, I would like to clarify that dogs are allowed off lead at the second lake and in the woods at Cosmeston.

In my experience of dog walking at Cosmeston, the majority of dog owners do abide by these restrictions and keep to the dog walking areas, which are away from the main lake and children's play area.

Untrained, unsocialised, aggressive dogs are a dangerous nuisance to everybody, and it seems unhelpful and divisive to add to this general feeling of 'us and them' between dog owners and everybody else.

We are all entitled to enjoy the beautiful open spaces we are so lucky to have in the Vale, and we are all aware that it is the few irresponsible dog owners who are at fault.

Ignoring restrictions, leaving dog mess (including putting it in a bag but then leaving it hanging on a tree) and allowing intimidating dog behaviour, is totally unacceptable.

The Kennel Club run Good Canine Citizenship Schemes locally, which helps to create well-adjusted dogs and educated handlers.

Participating in such a scheme is a good way to demonstrate that the majority of us are responsible dog owners.

Heather Bowyer, Barry

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COUNCILS AND THE BALANCE OF POWER

WITH reference to Mr Dennis Harkus' letter in last week's GEM headed 'So why have councillors?', I think he misses the point a little.

The fault lies in the way councils are organised and the way councillors use their powers.

The present administration of the Vale Council has an overall majority, numerically – which means that whatever decisions they make, the opposition simply does not have the voting numbers to revoke those decisions.

When the council had a coalition administration of Labour, Plaid and Independents, decisions could only be made if all the coalition members agreed. This happened with the Cemetery Road proposals.

Members were aware of the deep dislike of these proposals among many of their constituents, but also many members themselves had misgivings about the scheme… and planning permission for building on the site was refused.

If the coalition were still in control, the Bryneithin site would become a site for an extra care facility, built with the help of the Welsh Assembly Government and run jointly by the council and a housing association. There would not be this indecent rush to shove Bryneithin residents elsewhere. All three parties in the coalition promised that.

Despite the extraordinary length of the Bryneithin report, designed, no doubt, to put many people off reading it, the move of the residents seems a botched, rushed job designed to get rid of Bryneithin, fast.

It contains only a brief section on the suitability of Ty Dyfan as a home for EMI residents. All we know is that they will each have a room and the costs per resident will be cheaper than at Bryneithin.

If that is the case, I wonder what happens when the contract comes to an end? Also, is that the main criteria for dealing with these elderly confused people?

The fact that Hafod Housing has already received permission from the CSSIW to do renovation and extension work at Bryneithin, makes you realise that despite the consultation process, this decision to close Bryneithin and move residents to Ty Hafan was never really in doubt.

To get back to 'What are councillors for?', opposition councillors have opposed this plan in every venue possible, public meetings and particularly the council's scrutiny committees. They have won the argument repeatedly, but lost the vote.

Meanwhile, whatever their private feelings about the scheme, all politicians from the ruling group have sat on their hands and voted in favour of this scheme.

At no scrutiny meeting I am aware of, has any one of them even questioned the validity of this scheme, or commented on the large number of people who wrote to the council with their views.

Not just relatives of residents but the medical profession, the Older People's Forum, Age Concern etc; I believe that approximately 96 per cent of the responses were against closure.

I was always dubious about coalitions until I became part of one. Yes, there were times as leader that I became frustrated because members of other parties and my own disagreed with things I wanted to do, but no-one is infallible.

Coalitions force you to listen to other elected members and the people who elected you before you make far-reaching decisions.

Coun Margaret Alexander, Barry

'Don't let theatre become another lost landmark…'

THE Llantwit Major Strand Cinema was demolished in 1970 and could be seen as a forecast of how Barry's Theatre Royal Cinema could be lost forever, due to redevelopment or deterioration.

It is an absolute disgrace that this building has already stood unused for over 18 months.

Known locally to many generations as 'The Theatre', concerns should now be raised to stop any further decline.

Over the years, Barry has seen the demolition of Holton Road's Salvation Army Citadel building and Merthyr Street's Dinam Hall, after years of little or no use – with nothing of any merit built in their place.

The fire-damaged RAOB club on Broad Street remains derelict and an eyesore.

Barry is already a highly-populated town, with numbers due to rise as more and more land is taken for residential development. This comes at a cost, as suitable locations for new entertainment facilities are disappearing.

The Theatre Royal location is conveniently sited in a very prominent position.

It is a recognised landmark and focal point situated at the gateway to the Waterfront and town centre.

As no assurance is in place in respect of a multiplex cinema operator coming to the town, now, more than ever, is the time to look at what we already have that can still be used.

It is still a much-needed community venue.

The year 2010 will see the cinema building celebrating its centenary.

It is hoped by all concerned within the Save Our Cinema Association group, that it does not become just another lost landmark consigned to the history books.

Paul Sutton (Save Our Cinema Association)

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(UNTIL DECEMBER 10)

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COUNCIL LOOKS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS TO REVAMP LEISURE CENTRES

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

THE Vale Council is looking for a private sector partner to run its leisure centres in Barry, Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major – and to invest in improvements.

Years of subsidising council leisure facilities has led the council to look again at such proposals, and a report presented to the economy and environment scrutiny committee last week spelled out the council's thinking.

A whole range of different proposals are made for the different leisure centres.

The report said that the council intends to "Proactively seek a trust or private sector partner to manage and invest in the council's leisure centres."

The aim then would be to "...undertake a major upgrade and refurbishment of the existing leisure centres, including 'front-of-house' facilities, changing, circulation and activity areas."

The report then went on to specify the developments that the private sector could fund:

• At Penarth Leisure Centre, upgrade the facility to counter the negative impact on usage and finance of the Cardiff Bay development.

• At Barry Leisure Centre, upgrade the facilities and relocate health, fitness, and GP referral areas to the vacated former indoor bowls area, provide a sessional creche and address the car parking problems experienced by the users of the centre during weekday work hours.

• At Llantwit Major, retain and refurbish the centre, but review the provision of the swimming pool, depending on the final proposals for, and level of community use of, the St Athan Ministry of Defence development.

Also to ensure that the actual cost of Llantwit Major school's use of the leisure centre is identified and dealt with as a recharge to the school, or a transfer from central education budgets.

• At Cowbridge Leisure Centre refurbish and upgrade the facility, including completion of the dance studio and ventilation system.

A more radical option may be the relocation of the facility to the new school site, although the feasibility of this would need addressing.

• At Holm View, transfer the day-to-day management of the centre to the directorate of learning and development.

This would need to be "caveated by clear requirements for general daytime and evening access by a wide range of the community and community groups for sports and leisure activities", and guaranteed times within the centre's programme for sports development initiatives operated by leisure services.

• At Colcot, pursue the option of funding a new pavilion development and closure of the existing pitch changing facilities. Re-locate the heavy weights gym to Holm View.

Focus use of the Colcot sports hall on bona fide sports clubs with specific sports development remits.

• At Jenner Park, given the complex mix of property, development and lease issues,retain for its current use but undertake a more detailed feasibility on the future use of the site.

Barry Arts show and bazaar

BARRY Arts Centre's members are looking forward to a Christmas break – as a reward for all of their hard work in rehearsals for their forthcoming rock and roll show, which is due to be staged at Winston Road on December 10-12.

The production will feature many classic rock and roll numbers and is guaranteed to get everybody's toes tapping.

Their Christmas bazaar will be held at the Barry Arts Centre Hall on Winston Road at 12pm this Saturday, December 5.

Entrance is 50p per person, and visitors can be assured that with the usual range of stalls alongside games and a refreshments counter, there will be something for everybody, a spokesman promised..

Barry school takes Welsh recycling title

PUPILS and staff at St Helen's RC Junior School in Barry are the greenest in Wales after winning the Yellow Pages Recycling Champions for Wales 2009.

St Helen's, who came top in the medium schools category, received £1,000 prize money.

The environmental campaign for schools is run by Yellow Pages working in partnership with the Woodland Trust and, locally, the Vale Council.

The school's 202 pupils recycled a massive 1,831 Yellow Pages directories when the new ones were delivered last year – nine old directories per pupil.

Fourteen local authorities across Wales took part in the Yellow Woods Challenge, involving a total of 495 schools and 99,156 pupils.

St Helen's headteacher Gavin Russ said: "We are so proud to be Welsh winners in this competition. I'd like to thank our local community who helped us collect so many Yellow Pages. The school eco-committee is currently helping to decide how to spend the prize money."

Congratulating the school on their achievement, Vale councillor Geoff Cox, cabinet member for visible and building services, said: "Taking the national title is a fantastic achievement for St Helen's Junior School.

"The council's 'What's in your bin?' campaign aims to get us all reducing, reusing and recycling. The pupils and staff at this school, and their community, are shining examples of great local action."

For every pound awarded to schools in prize money, Yellow Pages has donated a matching pound to the Woodland Trust's children's tree planting campaign, 'Trees For All'.

ABOVE: *Pupils at St Helen's RC Junior School in Barry celebrate as Yellow Pages Recycling Champions for Wales. Youngsters are pictured with Vale Council cabinet members Tony Hampton (education and lifelong learning) and Geoff Cox, with 'Kirk,' the national project mascot, headteacher Gavin Russ and teachers Nicola Starke and Gemma Hughes.*

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Job nightmare for 'Local' staff as shop due to close

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"It seems the people at the top are able to go and sun themselves in the Caribbean, while other people face losing their jobs."

A statement released to The GEM from the joint administrators of First Quench Retailing which trades as Threshers, Wine Rack, The Local, Haddows, Bottoms Up and Victoria Wine, confirmed the closure of a further 391 stores within the group, resulting in 2,140 redundancies.

Richard Fleming, UK Head of Restructuring and joint administrator, said: "Unfortunately, despite the initial high level of interest, it remains difficult for buyers to complete deals in the current tough market.

"However, we are still in talks regarding the sale of more than 100 stores and hope to be able to make a further announcement about this shortly. We also remain hopeful that some of the 391 stores announced might still be sold as going concerns before the closure process is completed, but with stock now running low in the remaining stores, it has been necessary to make plans to close them."

Listeners' champion

Vale councillor Richard Bertin has been appointed as the new 'impartial' Listeners Champion to Barry-based Bro Radio.

His role will be to monitor the output of the station, listen to the views of the public and to report back his findings to the management board.

Vale Women's Aid is now Atal y Fro

RIGHT: Jane Hutt AM (on right) and Kay Gwinn are pictured at the launch of Atal y Fro in Barry.

VALE AM Jane Hutt has helped to re-launch Vale of Glamorgan Women's Aid as 'Atal y fro' – at the Memorial Hall, Barry.

She spoke about the importance of action against domestic violence and supported the new approach to early intervention and support for families suffering domestic violence.

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'Good Neighbour Scheme' launched

OVER the past three months, residents from the Gibbonsdown and Court areas of Barry, together with the Communities First Partnership and staff, have been meeting to establish a 'Good Neighbour Scheme' in the local area.

A 'Good Neighbour Scheme' is a voluntary scheme run by a group of local residents for local residents who need assistance with general errands, minor household repairs or even just someone to talk to.

The scheme currently has a core group of committee members who are currently working on establishing and promoting this service in their area.

Committee members Val Higgins and Eileen Edwards said: "This will eventually be a resident-led initiative, and we hope that any resident in the area who would like to be involved will contact us."

The Gibbonsdown and Court Good Neighbour Scheme met on Tuesday (December 1) at the Communities First building in Aberaeron Close, Barry.

For more information please contact the Team on 01446 732 406.

KELLIE CHARD

Age Concern's Christmas fayre

AGE CONCERN in Barry held a successful Christmas fayre at the Civic Offices in Holton Road recently – and raised £600 for a Christmas party and the Senior Health Shop in Barry.

The Deputy Mayor of Barry opened the event and local businesses donated prizes for the prize draw.

Three lucky winners collected first, second and third prize draw tickets numbers 2093, 282 and 1362. There is a full list of prizewinners and draw ticket numbers on display at the Senior health Shop in Holton Road (*telephone 01446 732385*).

Band scores a first for Vale

RECENTLY, the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band competed in the last of this season's local grading competition for Welsh brass bands.

Following a spirited performance, the adjudicator awarded the band third prize – and with it the League's runners-up Cup for a second successive year.

This consistency will see the band promoted into the championship section for 2010 – the first time a band from any of the Armed Forces, or from the Vale of Glamorgan, will have competed at this level.

Regular supporters of the band can hear their Christmas programme at All Saints Church, Barry on December 4-5; St Illtud's Church, December 7; Dyffryn Gardens on December 12-13; St Tathan Church, December 18; and Llantwit Major School for their annual family concert, featuring Courtney Hamilton and Sian Pickett at 2.30pm on December 19.

Henri is a head-shaving Ty Hafan record breaker!

VALE student Henri Armelin has raised a staggering £2,000 – and still counting! – for Ty Hafan Family Hospice for Young Lives, smashing the hospice eight-year record of £1,610 for a sponsored head shave.

Witnessed by a large cheering crowd of visitors and students at the Westbourne School Christmas fayre, Westbourne sixth former Henri lost his much-loved locks in the fun show-piece event of the evening.

The look of horror on fellow students' faces could be seen as Henri's hair was shaved off in minutes by family friend, gent's hairdresser, Stas Asprou.

Amazingly, Henri seemed quite relaxed despite being surrounded by everyone applauding and yelling 'off off off!' Mr Asprou said: "I thought he was very courageous – there can't be many 16 year olds who'd agree to having their hair shaved off, let alone in front of a crowd of people!"

Henri, with the help of fellow student Ashley Davies, sought sponsorship for his head shave from local residents and businesses.

He said: "It's been amazing! Everyone has been really generous.

"I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me, it has made losing my hair really worthwhile.I hope the money will go some way to improving the lives of the kids and their families at Ty Hafan."

If you would like to make a donation and swell the final figure further, you can still send a cheque, payable to Ty Hafan to: The Headmaster, Hair Today Gone Tomorrow sponsorship co-ordinator, Westbourne School, Hickman Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan. CF64 2AJ.

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RIGHT: Henri before the shaving, and BELOW: Looking forward to a very cold couple of months as his head is shaved clean.

Christmas Voices at Old Cogan

ON Friday, December 11, at 7.30pm, a group of readers will be presenting 'Christmas Voices', a candlelit programme of readings and carols at St. Peter's Church, Old Cogan.

There will be prose and poetry by famous writers on the season and the Nativity.

A small group of choristers will sing a capella, and there will be a couple of carols for the congregation to sing.

The tickets cost £5 each and proceeds go to support the church. Contact John Rogers (029 2070 4158) or Matthew Salisbury (029 2030 8351).

BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB

David Martyn cup success for team

BARRIVALE held its team championship, for the David Martyn Cup, on consecutive Tuesdays, November 17 and 24.

The winners, with 87.5 per cent, were Mark Roderick, Mike Best, Mick Green and Noelle Bond. In second place, with 51.25 per cent, were Irene Thomas, Betty Lewis, Kay Dyer and Graham Jones.

The Four Aces Trophy, for less experienced teams was won by Alan Jones, Lyn Matthews, Judith Owen, Marjorie Morgan and Bryn Gough. New members are welcome at Barrivale

For more information ring 01446 733425.

CCTV arrests

CCTV under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership assisted with seven arrests in the week ending November 29.

It contacted police on 38 occasions, with two arrests made on November 23, one for being wanted on warrant (Dunlin Court) and another for being wanted on warrant and possession of class A and B drugs (Brook Street).

Four arrests concerned affray – three at Holton Road (one person, November 26; two people, November 27) and one at Friars Road (November 28).

A further arrest was made at Little Main Street for criminal damage (November 28).

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'Come clean on defence college stance' – says Labour candidate

LABOUR'S parliamentary candidate for the Vale, Alana Davies, has called on the Tory leadership to "come clean with the people of Wales about their support for the £12 billion Defence Technical College at St Athan".

She said that at last week's Welsh Question Time in the Commons, the Conservatives were challenged by Welsh Secretary, Peter Hain, to give their full backing for the St Athan project.

Alana Davies who says she strongly supports the Defence Technical College, commented: "The Tory frontbench declined to state their support for this vital investment.

LEFT: Alana Davies with Charles Barrington, chairman of Metrix, the consortium responsible for building the Defence Technical College.

Their deafening silence on Peter Hain's call is unacceptable.

"The St. Athan project is a record investment in some of the most highly-prized technical skills anywhere in the world. It is a project of national importance which will inject £500 million into the Welsh economy each year, create thousands of jobs for local people and open up huge supply-chain opportunities for Welsh businesses.

"Crucially, it will deliver training and skills to our young men and women in the armed forces, using the most up-to-date methods. We owe them that.

"The Tories need to come clean with the people of Wales and give their unequivocal support for this project," she insisted.

MP renews pledge on Gurkha rights

John Smith MP with Gurkha veterans at the rally in Westminster Hall.

VALE MP John Smith has met with Gurkha veterans to reiterate his support for their campaign to receive equal treatment.

Following a rally at Westminster, the MP said: "For putting themselves in harms way for our defence and security, the least we can do to acknowledge the tremendous debt we owe them, is ensure they receive equal treatment.

"The Gurkha veterans were pleased when I informed them that the £12 billion Defence Technical College at St. Athan will have a dedicated Gurkha temple on site.

"I and the other members of the all-party parliamentary group on Gurkha rights, pledge to continue to do all that we can to raise the issue of equal rights for all Gurkhas in the House of Commons," the MP added.

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Coastlands concert

AT 6pm on Sunday, December 20, Coastlands Church is holding its carol concert.

The church is situated on Tennyson Road, Barry.

"Please arrive on time to ensure you book your seat. All welcome!" a spokesperson said.

Air Ambulance sends an SOS for volunteers

THE Wales Air Ambulance is appealing for volunteers to help support its service in the rural Vale and Bridgend county borough.

"The charity, which needs to raise over £5 million each year, is looking for anyone who can donate some time to the emergency service at local events," a spokeswoman stated.

A range of opportunities is available, including public speaking, cheque presentations, helping on stalls and bucket collections.

Funded solely by public donations, Wales Air Ambulance provides rapid medical cover across the country from its three airbases.

"Since its launch on St David's Day in 2001, the service has carried out almost 12,000 missions. The crews can reach any corner of Wales within just 20 minutes.

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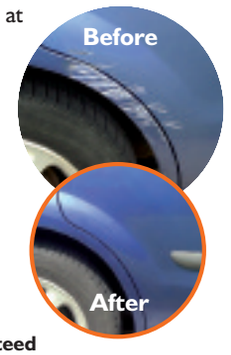

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NOW ODDS ARE ON VALE'S WASTE BEING SHIPPED ELSEWHERE

REPORT by GEM STAFF

THE Vale's 'unrecyclable' rubbish could well be transported out of the county after plans were announced last week.

Five neighbouring councils are looking to share facilities (and the cost) for waste disposal, and the plan has been entitled 'Project Gwyrdd'.

Out of a likely total of at least five probable bids to manage the project, only one involves disposing of waste within the boundaries of the Vale.

That bid is likely to come from Biogen, who have already been granted a planning application to build a gasification waste plant on Atlantic Wharf in Barry.

However, there are bidders using alternative sites and alternative technologies, and all of the alternatives lie outside the boundaries of the Vale.

Even in the case of the Biogen bid, it is the GEM's understanding that it would be 'shared'between two similar plants – the one in Barry and one in Newport, with both taking waste from the five councils.

The five local authorities in the project are Caerphilly, Cardiff, Monmouthshire, Newport and the Vale. 'Prosiect Gwyrdd' aims to provide a solution to what to do with waste that can't be recycled or composted in each area.

A spokesman for the partnership of the five councils said: "It is recognised that around 30-35 per cent of waste will be left, after recycling and composting targets are met and a solution has to be found to treat this remaining waste, to minimise the amount buried in landfill.

"The project is technology neutral and will look at all technologies that may be proposed for the contract. The partnership is aware of a number of companies offering different technical solutions that are interested in this contract".

He continued: "All bids made will be assessed against agreed criteria, involving environmental impacts, sustainability, service delivery, cost and value for money.

"Options include further sorting processes, drying and shredding waste to make a fuel that can be burned efficiently to generate energy, steaming waste at high temperatures to recover materials, gasifying waste and using the gas to efficiently create energy, anaerobic digestion or a number of other efficient options to burn waste at various temperatures to produce heat and electricity."

The various bidders have already found their own sites, with two in Cardiff, one in Merthyr, the Biogen bid which is split between Barry and Newport, and one other site which has not yet been announced.

In addition, the councils' partnership has put forward three sites on public land, one in Cardiff and two in Newport, and any organisation can put a bid forward using those sites.

Indeed, there is nothing to stop Biogen putting together a bid using one of the three sites on offer.

Each bidder will be allowed to submit a maximum of two proposals to be assessed. They may be different by type of technology, site location or size.

Coun Mark Stephens, chair of the Joint Committee for Prosiect Gwyrdd, which is made up of two councillors from each authority, said: "Everybody produces waste and everybody needs to continue to take responsibility to reduce, reuse and recycle as much of their waste as possible.

"Wales has achieved 41 per cent recycling and composting. Each of the partner councils continues to implement sustainable strategies to maximise recycling and composting, optimise waste as a resource to achieve the 70 per cent targets.

"However a solution has to be found for the remaining waste."

A website has been developed on *www.prosiectgwyrdd.co.uk* to inform the public and key stakeholders of the aims and options available.

Max Wallis of Friends of the Earth said he was unconvinced by the project which he said would involve high costs.

He claimed: "This is an attempt to foist high cost incineration on us, contracting to supply houshold waste to a private build and manage incinerator – or equivalent – for 25 to 30 years. The total cost for the five south Wales authorities is £1,100 million of which £220 million would come from the Vale."

A spokesman for Prosiect Gwyrdd, said: "Prosiect Gwyrdd is a technology neutral partnership to deliver a low carbon impact solution to waste after recycling and composting has been maximised in each area.

"The partnership is aware of a number of companies offering different technology options that are interested in this contract. They will all be evaluated against the councils requirements.

"By working together, the partnership will provide value for money, costing less for each partner than working individually."

The Vale Council is organising road shows to give more information. The first is in Cowbridge Town hall Car Park, 10am - 4pm, on December 8, and the second is in King Square Barry, 10am - 4pm, on January 30.

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Girlguiders are honoured at an awards reception

Girlguiding award recipients are pictured with Vale of Glamorgan Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams, the Mayoress, his wife, Joan, and Diane Nicholls, County Commissioner (Cardiff and East Glamorgan), Carol Emery, South East Glamorgan Division Commissioner, Jill Bird, president, and Annabelle Traherne and Gill Clay, vice-presidents.

GUIDERS from the area have been presented with a series of awards at a special reception hosted by Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams.

Paying tribute to the work of the movement, Coun Williams said: "These awards recognise the tremendous achievements of the trained volunteers who do so much to deliver a stimulating and enjoyable programme for our enthusiastic youngsters."

The evening was organised in conjunction with Girlguiding Cardiff and East Glamorgan, and recipients of long service awards were: 50 years, Pat Edwards (South East Glamorgan Division), Norah Kendall (Penarth) and Fran Mitchell (Vale of Glamorgan); 30 years, Susan Leverton (Dinas Powys and Llandough); 20 years, Jane Rudd (Vale of Glamorgan), and 10 years, Amy Germon (Barry East) and Jane Prigg (Penarth). There was a Baden Powell Award for Rosemary Tuthill (Penarth).

WHAT'S ON / in brief

Christmas carol concert

BARRY Male Voice Choir are holding their Christmas carol concert, on Saturday, December 5, at All Saints Church, Barry, at 2.30pm.

Admission is £2 at the door and a warm welcome is extended to all to join the choir and the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band. All proceeds to the Alzheimer's Society.

Festive tea

THERE will be a festive afternoon tea in St Hilary village hall, at 3pm-5pm, on Sunday, December 6. Megan Morris will be playing the harp at 4pm.

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Penarth Ramblers take 'home' stroll

BECAUSE of the forecasted high winds and heavy rain showers, leader Barbara Palmer faced a dilemma recently.

Firstly, she cancelled her planned walk at Aberkenfig for a local walk in the St Nicholas area, but after lots of rainfall – which meant lots of mud, she planned a closer local treat for anyone who cared to take a chance and join her for a stroll.

Barrie, Ann, Marion and Lorraine took up the challenge and met the leader at the Barry Waterfront on a rather wild and windy morning, but in reasonably dry and mild weather.

After explaining her reasons for the change to the walk route, the group joined her for the trek along the waterfront and across to the very deserted main car park at Barry Island.

There was a full tide, and making their way towards the Old Harbour, they stopped to enjoy the sight of the waves crashing over the breakwater and shooting great walls of spray everywhere.

Turning the corner and walking the narrow muddy path towards Friar's Point, the waves driven by the high tide and lusty wind were crashing over the rocks, sending great clouds of salty spray across the turf on Friar's Point; this was certainly a day to blow the cobwebs away!

The group made their way down the slope onto the beach at Whitmore Bay and paddled across the front of the bull's nose and because of the high tide they were glad that they were wearing Wellington boots.

Making their way up onto the promenade, the group walked along the Clement Colley pathway around the base of Nell's Point, passing the time of day with some fishermen, before reaching quieter conditions at Jackson's Bay.

By now, the tide had turned and they were able to paddle across the beach and make their way up towards the Barry Yacht Club, taking the steep path up to Redbrink Crescent.

Following the cliff top, they had a windy but easy walk back to the promenade and everyone agreed to the suggestion that they stop for hot coffee and drinking chocolate in a nearby café.

Refreshed, the group continued on to the causeway and descended the steps leading down to the car park and crossing under the railway bridge, they made their way back to the Barry Waterfront to collect their cars for the journey home and as luck would have it – just as the rain began to fall.

On December 5, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 9-mile moderate walk at Garth Hill; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Please note that several walks have been cancelled recently because of the bad forecasted weather conditions. Every effort possible is made to advise members by email if walks are cancelled, especially at short notice. If you are not on the list and would like to be included, use the contact number at the end of this article to advise Pam of your details.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Volunteer who is helping Vale children Act4Fun

Jane Hutt AM and Christian Bullen.

JANE HUTT AM recently met university student Christian Bullen to hear about his voluntary work for Act4Fun, the Children's Theatre, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary at the Windsor Road Church Theatre.

The AM commented: "As part of our celebration of Children's Rights Day, I congratulate the voluntary work of our young people, like Christian Bullen, who is doing such great voluntary work with young people.

The Act4Fun anniversary celebration is taking place on December 29-30, at 7pm, in Windsor Road Church Theatre.

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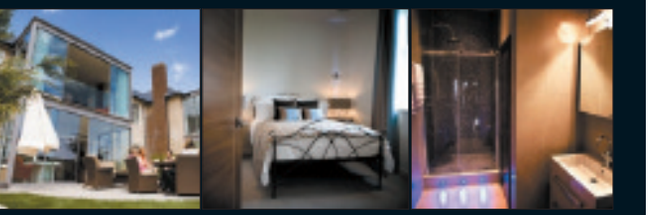

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This shop (as its name suggests) is in some ways the focal point of the shopping centre – and the town – a place where people can meet friends, look for a bargain and support a worthy cause. Pontyclun has a good range of food shops, including two butchers, a greengrocers, bakery, grocery stores and a delicatessen.

The day-to-day needs of the community are met by a surprisingly wide choice of shops in the town, which include two pharmacies that also sell toiletries, a florist, clothes shop and a children's clothes shop.

Pontyclun also offers an impressive range of services, including hair and beauty salons, a bank, post office, kitchen design, carpentry, financial advice, solicitors and a vet.

Small towns like Pontyclun often score over larger town centres because there is free accessible parking and everything is within walking distance.

The clear advantage of shopping in small, locally-owned businesses is that the owners offer a personal service and very often know your likes and dislikes.

With the credit crunch having forced many people to examine their way of life and adopt a back-to-basics approach, buying food from small shops means you are not tempted by the overpowering and sometimes expensive array on offer in supermarkets – resulting all too often in waste.

The current emphasis on 'carbon miles' means that people are consciously buying locally-produced food wherever possible.

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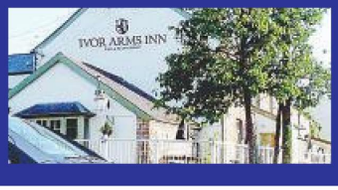

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TO FLASH OR NOT TO FLASH?

I FAIL to see why Mrs SV Clark is complaining about drivers warning other motorists of a speed trap (GEM letters, last week).

If drivers are warned by the flashing headlights, they will then slow down and travel safely within the speed limit.

Without a warning, they will carry on travelling at a dangerous excessive speed. The flashing of headlights is, therefore, increasing road safety.

D Andrews, Boverton

'Vale tenants are being misled'

I HAVE been reading in the local press of the proposal to transfer the Vale housing stock.

I enjoy the provision of Vale Council Housing (call it social housing if you must). I have concluded quite early in the process of so-called consultation, that there exists a view that residents of council housing are gullible and devoid of any intellect with which to determine the pros and cons of such a proposal.

However, such a stance is taken by those in power at their peril!

I believe that the initial notification that we have been given as existing tenants, amounts to little more than designed propaganda geared to ensure the desired outcome, and that many decisions have already been made.

Also, I am concerned about possible empire building. If a new housing association is set up, I would advocate that if the existing senior management of the current housing stock are unable to make the current operation a success, they should be automatically disqualified from applying for posts in any new housing association management.

I am so concerned that local people and tenants are being excluded from having their say, based upon factual and current information, that I have set up my own web blog at http://scrutinisevalecouncil.blogspot.com.

Colin Wood, Barry

Church gives thanks

I WOULD like to thank all the people who helped and who turned up at the Llantonian Hall on Saturday, November 28, for St Illtud's Christmas coffee morning and table top sale.

A great morning was had by all and we raised £361.71 for St Illtud's church funds.

Margaret Muir, Llantwit Major

Rhoose Remembrance day was a great success

THE Remembrance day parade and service is a major event in the calendar of Rhoose and is the largest event of its kind, but that is only through the continued support of the people from Rhoose, Porthkerry, Penmark, Fonmon and East Aberthaw, and I hope to see them all in 2010.

The parade was formed up in Wesley Avenue, Rhoose ready for marching off at 10.40am prompt, with many organisations present proudly displaying their standards.

The weather was cold but bright and the 150-strong parade marched up Fontygary Road and into Station Road, and then turned into Stewart Road to the memorial in the grounds of the Rhoose Community Hall.

PCSO Lewis Collins controlled the traffic for the parade and all arrived safely for the laying of poppy wreaths and the planting of memorial crosses. Many local organisations had a representative lay a poppy wreath and children and others planted the crosses.

With those people who had gone straight to the Rhoose Community Hall and those in the parade, over 200 people attended the Service of Remembrance, which was conducted by Rev David Treharne.

Prayers were said by John James and Mrs Anne Harris, and the piano accompaniment was provided by Mrs Heather Jenkins.

The first reading was given by Ms Johanne Hopkins and the second by Ms Louise Lynn (head of Rhws Primary).

A bandsman of the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band played Last Post and Reveille, before the Welsh and British anthems were sung.

I was pleased to see that the south Wales branch of the Burma Star Association attended and had a smart young RAF Cadet as standard bearer.

It was good to see serving servicemen in attendance, as well as a very good turn-out of ex-servicemen, who have a place of honour at the front of the hall.

A collection was taken for the Poppy Appeal and refreshments were provided for all at the end of the service by members of Rhoose Women's Institute, and most welcome they were, as well.

I would like to place on record my thanks to all who helped, all those who attended, and especially those who helped with getting the hall ready the night before. They were Mike Pritchard, Don and Barbara Goodway. I would also like to thank Dave Cooper and other Rhoose Lifeguard friends for helping to clear the chairs away at the end.

Coun Jeffrey James, Rhoose
(Remembrance day organiser)

Floating hotel would revitalise Waterfront!

WITH the introduction shortly of the new SOLAS regulations, (Safety Of Life At Sea) introduced, I believe, because of the Titanic tragedy and modified over the years – there will be several 'classic' cruise liners no longer allowed to sail the high seas with passengers.

This is the reason the cruise liner Astoria is in Swansea, being refurbished by Barry's own Harris Pye Marine, soon to be one of the Saga group liners.

With this in mind, it is a good idea to bring one of the classic liners to the Barry Waterfront as a floating hotel.

This will give Barry access to activities not available at present – an outdoor swimming pool, cinema, casino, plus additional facilities such as restaurants and bars.

It could have a real 'chain locker' bar, to replace the one from the old Barry Dock Hotel on Dock View Road, as well as abundant hotel rooms.

So come on you developers, sitting on your millions, give it some serious thought and bring Barry back to life again.

B Nicholls, Barry

'The Great War' book's record of sacrifice

MR RB DONOVAN of Bridgend, whose article on Sidney Hayward was featured in The GEM on November 26, could find more accurate information on the Hayward family in *The Great War: memorials in Cowbridge and Llanblethian*.

Published in November 2008 by Cowbridge Record Society, this book is on sale at The Cowbridge Bookshop and at Davies' newsagents.

It was researched and written as a tribute to 44 young men who gave their lives for King and Country, and who are commemorated on local memorials.

When the memorial in Cowbridge was commissioned in 1920, the Hayward family no longer lived in the town and the names of Benjamin and Sidney were omitted.

The war records of the brothers were researched by their nephew, Stanley Hayward and as a result of his efforts and, with the support of the Cowbridge branch of the Royal British Legion, Lance-Corporal Sidney Hayward was added to the memorial in 2001 to be followed by his brother, Stoker Benjamin Hayward in 2008.

Sidney was not the only Cowbridge man killed in action serving with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Pte William Archer, 2nd RWF, died in the Second battle of the Somme in August 1918, and Sgt Arthur M Jones, 25th RWF, died in the attack on the Hindenburg Line in September 1918.

More details about these and the other men on the memorials are in *The Great War.*

José Rawlins, Cowbridge Record Society

Help for Heroes

I WOULD like to make use of your columns to thank all the people who gave so generously to my stall, raising money for the 'Help for Heroes' charity.

I received a multitude of donations and gifts from many people and as a result raised over £180 at last Saturday's tabletop sale in the Llantonian Hall.

As there is a quantity of items left over, I will be able to make a substantial increase to that figure over the coming months.

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Anne M Sparks, Llantwit Major

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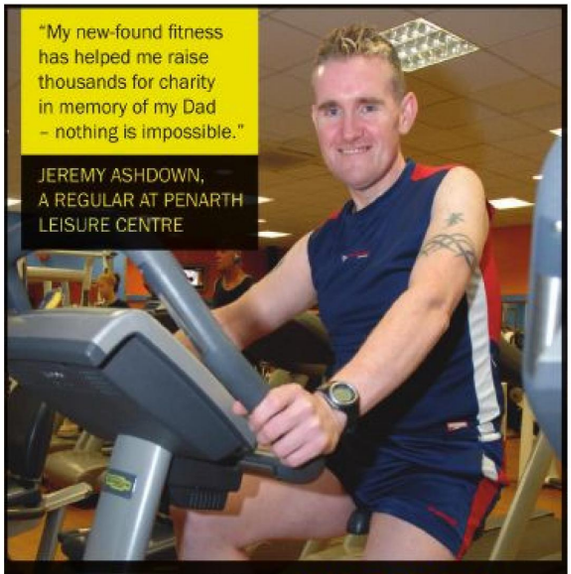

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A feast for train collectors at Barry

THE final feast for toy and train collectors in Barry this year takes place on Sunday, December 6, at the Barry Leisure Centre, between 10.30am-3pm – using the entire main hall.

Having moved to this new venue last February, the show has never looked back and the greatly improved space, shape, access and lighting are all much appreciated by both the public and traders.

Three more dates in 2010 have already been secured, to ensure that the event continues to go from strength-to-strength and become fully established as a major south Wales fair.

Organiser Chris Dyer told The GEM: "There is more and more interest in the Barry show and the new venue has made a big difference; there is so much free parking at weekends at the centre and access is a joy.

"The trade likes Barry and many of the stallholders have regular customers who they see at each show there.

"Value-for-money has never been better than at present with traders keen to maintain cash-flow rather than margins; exchanges and purchases are also very welcome and many people have been pleasantly surprised at the result obtained after bringing in their surplus items."

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ABOVE: Ceri, Candy and Olivia.

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Non-members are most welcome – guest membership for the evening is just £6. Please contact us to book as some events are limited numbers only!

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Support Ty Hafan shops

THE Ty Hafan shop in High Street, Barry, has issued an appeal for quality clothes, books and household items to help fund the Sully hospice.

Alternatively, hand items in direct to the Ty Hafan warehouse at Unit B2, Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Barry.

"The shops provide a valuable income, enabling the family hospice for young lives to continue providing its services for life-limited children, young people and their families from across Wales," a spokeswoman said.

"Warehouse manager Kat Edgar is also looking for individuals to volunteer for a few hours a week to help sort and process all the donated goods which come into the warehouse in Barry.

"This is the ideal opportunity to meet new people and help make a real difference to the lives of families who use Ty Hafan," the spokeswoman added.

For more information, telephone 01446 721544 during normal working hours.

College's business studies students impress AM on tour

The college students are pictured with Jane Hutt (third left) at the Senedd.

BUSINESS studies students from Barry College were given a tour of the Senedd by Vale AM Jane Hutt recently.

"I enjoyed meeting the students undertaking business studies. It was great to hear about their plans and ambitions for their future jobs and several were keen to set up their own businesses," Ms Hutt commented.

Little Wheels at O'Neils: the perfect way to teach your child to ride

LITTLE WHEELS at O'Neils is located within O'Neil's Car Sales, Cornerswell Road, Penarth.

Having opened in September 2009, this family-run business has wheels for both adults and children!

Little Wheels currently stocks Radio Flyer, Early Rider and PlasmaCar products. There is a large selection in the showroom for people to view and test drive. In 2010, Little Wheels will be expanding its products and will be offering a part exchange service, along with very good condition second hand bikes and trikes.

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Free playtime for Messy Monkeys!

Afternoons of free play are available for 'Messy Monkeys' in Cadoxton.

'FREE messy play' is on offer for children with disabilities at a new parent and toddler group in Cadoxton – organised by a Vale Council team at Ty Robin Goch, Robins Lane, every Thursday from 1pm-2.45pm during school term times.

"Children with disabilities and additional needs aged up to four years old, and their siblings, are all welcome to go along and enjoy fun with arts, crafts, music, sand and water. Experienced play workers are on site, and a sensory room is also available," a spokesman said.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 594.

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Final curtain for sports awards?

LOCAL sporting stars will soon be battling it out for your nominations for the 2009 Vale of Glamorgan Sports Personality of the Year Awards.

Organised by volunteers from the Vale District Sports Council and supported by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's sports and play development team, the annual ceremony will be held in spring 2010, but now is the time to put forward suggestions for those who deserve recognition.

There are 10 categories and Vale residents can nominate either elite performers who have made the headlines during 2009, or individuals and teams who are making a big impact on the local sporting scene. All nominees must either be from the Vale of Glamorgan, currently live there or represent a team or club in the county.

The categories are: senior male, senior female, junior male, junior female, unsung hero, disabled sportsperson, team of the year, performance coach, community coach and school of the year.

However, this could be the last such event. Vale District Sports Council chairman Tony Smith, said: "Until recently, the funds required to run the awards event was provided by the public and private sector from a number of grants and sponsorships.

"However, due to the current economic climate, this funding has, unfortunately, been withdrawn. We are, therefore, aiming to find a main event sponsor and individual sponsors for each of the award categories."

If any organisation would like to save the awards, contact District Sports Council chairman Tony Smith on 029 2048 9067 or treasurer Alun Rees on 029 2053 1531.

Meanwhile, all nominations for this year's awards need to be made by Sunday, January 31, 2010. Nominate online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/sportspersonality, or complete the nomination form which is found inside the latest issue of the 'Vale Sport' magazine, available from leisure centres and libraries across the Vale or from the council's Civic and Dock Offices in Barry.

Alternatively, you can request a copy of a nomination form by calling Julie Morgan on 01446 704748 or emailing JAMorgan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

How to be a Vale volunteer

THE Vale Volunteer Bureau will host an outreach surgery at Penarth Library on Tuesday, December 8, from 1pm-3pm to offer information on volunteering.

Bernardo's Community Links will also supply details on supporting disabled children and their families.

For further information, contact Joe on 01446 421781.

NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

The personal touch, with lots of style

RHONA spoke about preparing personalised stationery by showing the prepared styles that are offered by the applications for some 20 types of documents, from business cards to letters to calendars, invitations and change-of-address slips.

Each type is presented in a variety of styles and layouts and Rhona demonstrated the way borders or graphics can be adjusted for size, colour or position; including fonts (letter styles).

It isn't compulsory to fiddle with everything, but options mean choice and your end result can be unique.

Interaction between speaker and audience is encouraged. The talk can divert to a related topic to answer a question or to illustrate a point.

For example, it is possible to construct personalised templates for each type of stationery you use. Some do not bother to do this, but get the same result another way.

They craft a document layout they are happy with and save the document. Next time they will re-open the document, edit it and save it as a new one.

They soon learn that when they re-open it, they should immediately save it with a new name before they absentmindedly click 'save' and overwrite the original document.

When Rhona developed a cough and had to retire, another member stepped up and finished off the talk with a demonstration showing how to construct a logo by using the features in Word.

It involved using three separate frames – one for each element of a design – and formatting the frames to eliminate the fill colours and borders and arranging them for the design.

It was converted into a picture by taking a screen shot (Alt+Printscreen); and loading it into a picture editing programme; cropping it and adding a border – making the point that 'playing' with your computer can be creative.

HOWARD DESMOND

Honour local writer's work

PLAID'S Vale candidate, Dr Ian Johnson, has called for the work of Barry-born writer and journalist, Gareth Jones, to be displayed in his home town.

Dr Johnson said: "Gareth Jones was the son of Major Edgar Jones, headmaster at Barry County Grammar School, and was a highly-regarded international affairs journalist, who worked for David Lloyd-George amongst others.

"He is best remembered in the Ukraine as being the only Western journalist to visit and publish about the country during the Holodomor in 1932-33, a deliberate starvation of the Ukrainian population by Stalin, and where Gareth has been posthumously honoured. He was killed by Mongolian bandits in 1935, still aged only 29."

Referring to an exhibition of the journalist's diaries in Cambridge, Dr Johnson said: "It is only right that someone recognised internationally for their work should also be recognised in their home town."

LINDSAY STRIKES GOLD AFTER HER CAREER CHANGE

AFTER working in finance for several years, 27-year-old Lindsay Evans has found a new career as a carer – and it's now gold-plated!

Lindsay won the gold award for 'newcomer of the year' at the Wales Care Awards.

For someone who was previously in the financial world perhaps it's only appropriate that her award was sponsored - by Barclays Commercial.

Lindsay works for Tracscare and is a senior support worker at the Kington Court Care Home in Barry. She's determined to get more qualifications and one day would like to manage her own home.

After working in finance in London and south Wales then spending six months on a break in South Africa, Lindsay obtained what she believes is a more fulfilling job as a support worker at Barry in an acquired brain injury unit.

This involved helping people who had fallen and injured their head, or suffered from a stroke or dementia. Lindsay said: "I enjoy supporting and helping people to work independently, so that they can do what normal people do, despite the problems they may have. What is also important is integration into the community.'

Lindsay Evans.

Becca David, manager of Becca Court, who nominated her, said : "Lindsay has made a valuable contribution to the staff team and has helped clients to achieve goals which they did not believe possible."

One client described how Lindsay had helped with her personal care, had respected her privacy – "and helped me to overcome my fear of swimming by supporting me at my swimming lessons.

Santa goes to the dogs (for Christmas!)

DOGS Trust Bridgend is hosting its Christmas fair this Saturday, December 5, from 11am-3pm in the training barn at Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai.

Highlights of the day include Christmas gifts, the Christmas tombola and raffle, festive refreshments, Victorian ladies selling traditional sweets and even a Santa's Grotto for both doggies and children. Admission and parking are free.

Beverley Price, Dogs Trust Bridgend Rehoming Centre Manager, said: "Please don't get a dog as a present for someone this Christmas – if you are looking for a present come along to our Christmas fair.

"Not only will you get your Christmas shopping done early, but you will know that your money is going towards helping the 16,000 dogs that we care for, as a charity, every year."

Dogs Trust is the UK's largest dog welfare charity, caring for over 16,000 stray or abandoned dogs through its network of 18 Rehoming Centres, including Dogs Trust Bridgend.

Areas pass test

NEWS that its four designated bathing water areas have all passed mandatory water quality standards has been welcomed by the Vale Council.

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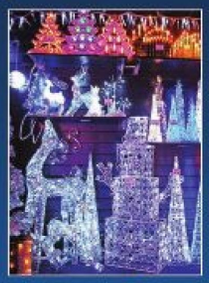

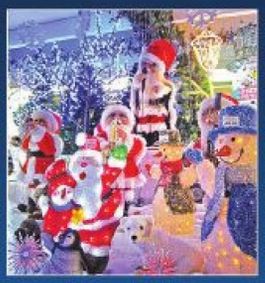

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The Christmas Charm of Cowbridge

SPECIAL FOUR PAGE GEM FEATURE

'OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ' – The town crier is back!

THERE was a welcome return to Cowbridge of the traditional town crier during the annual reindeer parade.

Coun Val Ellis has been working hard for months to recruit someone to this role and she was delighted when Gus Baty agreed to give it a go.

"It was great to see the town crier back as part of our traditional celebrations," she said.

"He is an unpaid volunteer, but I am grateful to the Vale of Glamorgan Inn, Il Portico and Farthings for providing some sponsorship for him."

Mr Baty wore the town crier costume loaned by the Charter Trust.

Emma Hartmann, of the Chamber of Trade, reported that it had been a very enjoyable and busy day. "From my point of view, it was fantastic. We were giving out mulled wine and mince pies and people were in good spirits, despite the rain.

"It's a shame the weather was not kinder, but the show must go on and we are grateful to everyone who took part in the parade for still turning out so enthusiastically."

Emma said that the Reindeer parade marks the start of the Christmas Sunday opening and she said that it was hoped that more shops than ever would participate in this, as Sunday is now firmly established as a shopping day for most people.

"We are now in the run-up to Christmas, officially. Cowbridge has a good community spirit and the town comes together for things like the Reindeer parade," she added.

'Come on, Santa, give us a song!'

ABOVE:
Santa has never been a big fan of singing in public - good thing there are people on hand to step in and help him!

You name it – Cowbridge has certainly got it!

CHRISTMAS shopping in Cowbridge is kick started tonight (Thursday) with late night shopping in the town.

All the participating shops will be offering a glass of mulled wine and mince pies to shoppers, and some will also have entertainment as well.

This night is co-ordinated by the chamber of trade which is extremely pro-active.

It is also urging traders to open on Sundays in the run-up to Christmas, to take advantage of what is now one of the main shopping days of the week.

Cowbridge is a great place to do your Christmas shopping with just about everything available – from sexy, top class lingerie, leather bags, boots and shoes to fabulous clothes and jewellery.

There are also shops catering for men and children, while other specialise in Welsh goods, ornaments, Christmas decorations, bric-a-brac, books, flowers, accessories, antiques, paintings. You name it, Cowbridge has got it!

... And the beauty of Cowbridge is that it has free parking, everything is easily accessible and there is a host of places to eat or get a drink afterwards.

If you had to sit down and design the perfect small country town from scratch, Cowbridge would surely fit the bill!

SEE MORE FESTIVE PICTURES THROUGHOUT THIS FEATURE.

This little donkey was on more of a wet road than a dusty one on Sunday! See more pictures of the reindeer parade in next week's GEM.

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Cowbridge coffee morning

THE Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society is holding its popular Cosy Christmas coffee morning with all the usual fun, tombola, raffle, stalls, gifts and prizes – or just 'Take a Beak' and rest your feet with a hot drink and biscuits or the all-important mince pie!

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Cameron (and his camera) take two film accolades

LEFT: Cameron Hughes receives one of his two awards.

See more pictures from the Reindeer Parade in next week's GEM!

THE film-making skills of a Cowbridge Comprehensive School pupil have won a state-of-the-art camera for his fellow pupils to use in their media club.

Recently, Miss Roberts, Mr Skinner and year-10 pupils Cameron Hughes and Katie Wynne travelled to Cineworld in Cardiff to attend the prestigious media4schools awards 2009.

Sponsored by Sony, the awards ceremony is designed to celebrate school and community film making.

Cameron Hughes had been nominated for two awards; 'Award for Best Animation' and 'Award for Best Overall Film'.

Katie Wynne has her own film currently in production, and came along to check out the competition!

Miss Lisa Roberts said: "We were delighted to hear Cameron's name being called out as the winner of both awards for his very amusing animation 'Thing goes to school'.

"Along with two framed certificates, Cameron won a fantastic Sony camera kit for our media club and a day trip to the Boomerang studios in Cardiff, where he will be able to watch some animations being made for TV!"

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BARRY ISLAND

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From Saturday 5 December to Sunday 3 January 2010

Barry Island Square will be hosting a festive open air ice rink for the first time ever this Christmas. The synthetic ice rink will be open daily from 2pm to 8pm midweek outside of the school holidays and from 12noon to 8pm during the school holidays and weekends. Skating costs £4 per adult and £3.50 per child. (Please note that price has changed from previously advertised)

SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE EXPERIENCE

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FESTIVE TRAINS

Saturday 5, 12 & 19 December, from 11am to 4pm

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Out and About

Vale's Prince's Trust team helps create outdoor art

LEFT: The team pictured at the cleared site.

VALE of Glamorgan Training Association (VGTA) Prince's Trust Team are currently volunteering for two weeks at St Fagan's Museum of Welsh Life, helping to develop an art installation.

The artist Betina Skovbro has designed an installation in and about the allotments of St Fagan's and it is set for a grand opening next year.

The team had to clear brambles and overgrown shrubbery which has been growing for more than five years.

The whole of team 59 youngsters spent two weeks working in St Fagan's with the organisers and the artist on a voluntary basis, as part of the project element of the 12-week Prince's Trust Team programme. They enjoyed the work despite battling the Welsh weather for most of the project!

Dinas' Dickens magic

THE world of Charles Dickens will come alive tomorrow (Friday, December 4) when the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys holds its annual Dickensian Fayre in the village square, starting at 6pm.

The evening is an opportunity for local organisations (mainly voluntary) to raise money and support local charities, and funds raised by the Rotary Club will be used to support local charities in and around Dinas Powys.

A club spokesman said: "This year's Dickensian Fayre featured the Cardiff Ladies Morris Dancers and the Vale of Glamorgan Band. The usual stalls selling crafts, cards and Christmas gifts will be present and there will be food and drink on sale, including cawl, mulled wine, cakes, hot-dogs and burgers.

"The highlight for the children will be a visit to Santa's grotto, where every child will receive a gift from Father Christmas.

He continued: "Last year, the response from voluntary organisations was exceptional, with all stalls taken. If any organisation would like a stal, please telephone Paul Williams for an application form on 02920 512473.

"Later in December, the Rotary Christmas sleigh will be around the village, so make sure you look out for Santa!"

Time and Space exhibition

THE exhibition by Glyn Pooley and Christie-Leat Bowen, called 'Union of Time with Space' runs until December 19, at Canon Hill Art Space, Cannon Street, Barry. The opening times are Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-6pm.

WHAT'S ON - in brief

MARIE CURIE LIGHTS

AT 6pm this evening (Thursday, December 3), along with special guest Peter Karrie, the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth is lighting the Christmas tree in the gardens, where local people have sponsored a light in memory of a loved one.

The hospice hopes to raise more than £16,000 to pay for nursing on Christmas Day, where unfortunately patients will still need the specialist care that they require.

Cardiff Style are singing carols and Peter Karrie (best known as the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera*, will switch on the lights and then sing.

SCHOOL FAIR

ALL Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Cwm Talwg, is holding a Christmas fair on Friday, December 4, at 3.30pm; stalls, refreshments and Father Christmas grotto.

CHARITY LINE DANCE

A CHARITY line dance in aid of Bopath, which supports therapy for children in Wales, suffering from cerebral palsy, will be held on Saturday, December 5, at St Athan Community Centre, Glyndwer Avenue, St Athan, at 7.30pm.

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Out and About with The GEM

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Entrants aged from five to 18 years old can participate in both non-competitive and competitive classes. All entrants receive a written professional adjudication to take away with them.

Winners in competitive classes receive a medal and a trophy and both vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome.

A broad selection of competitors will be invited to perform in the gala concert in the City United Reformed Church, central Cardiff following the festival weekend.

By popular demand, Robert Bailey, an eminent cellist and musician, has been invited back to adjudicate the instrumental ensemble class and to run a master class for ensemble groups of up to 10 performers.

Pianist Anthony Williams, will also be returning to adjudicate the piano classes this year.

Closing date for entries in next year's festival is February 22, 2010.

Entry forms and the updated rules for the competition are available to download from December 1.

How you can make Ty Hafan children smile

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For more details about Operation Christmas, call BRO Radio on Barry 420681, or check the website: www.broradio.fm.

IN BRIEF

Local school's Christmas fayre

YSGOL IOLO MORGANWG is holding a Christmas fayre on Saturday, December 5, at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

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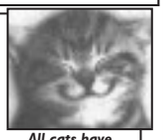

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THE COEN BROTHERS' MAN IS A (Serious-ly) EXCELLENT FILM!

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

THE Coen brothers may have struck Oscar gold with *No Country For Old Men*, but since their night of golden statues they have done their best to subvert the expectations foisted upon them.

Their follow-up to *No Country..., Burn After Reading*, was an underwhelming return to the oddball likes of *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* and *The Hudsucker Proxy*, steadfastly refusing to adapt their style for a more commercial gain.

Their latest film is another step in a subversive direction, and is entitled *A Serious Man*.

It tells the story of Larry Gopnik (Michael Stuhlbarg), a professor whose life begins to unravel at an alarming pace – his wife wants a divorce, his children are causing havoc and his brother, who is living with the family, spends the majority of his time draining the fluid from a cyst on his back.

With things not quite going to plan, Larry seeks advice from three rabbis - but will their advice be of any benefit, or will it all become too much for him...?

Following the release of *No Country For Old Men*, there were, no doubt, a large number of filmgoers who suddenly 'got' the Coen brothers' appeal.

Certainly, the mainstream did – the gold baubles and praise that adorned the film almost anathema to the Coens' low key attitude and approach.

These latecomers to the Coen altar, however, may be retreating for the door – come the closing credits of *A Serious Man*, a film that, while excellent and resolutely Coen-esque, will have the less hardcore of their fan base questioning just what it is that they have just watched.

It is most definitely the brothers most personal, and Jewish, film to date, taking inspiration from their childhood, but there is little in the way of overwrought nostalgia on show.

Instead, what on the surface appears to be a film about a man suffering a crisis of sorts, degenerates at the end into a piece of work that seems to be about everything and nothing.

The brothers tease you with story strands that lie conspicuously unresolved and characters that pop up and leave before you even have chance to take them in and see how they relate to the story.

In short, it is the brothers at their most oblique and idiosyncratic, but it is also one of their best pieces of work.

Quite what it is trying to say is unclear, as the brothers appear to be paying lip service to those who are prepared to look too deeply into their films to find hidden meaning.

However, there are elements of much of their previous works on show here, the fantasy sequences reminiscent of *The Big Lebowski* – while the slowly meandering plot feels like *The Man Who Wasn't There* minus the aliens.

This is a film that most definitely stands on its own, however, and finds great comedy from the situations Larry and the family find themselves in – without being too gregarious about it. There is a subtlety and offbeat feel to the laughs, playing as if a preface to climax that will get seriously dark, yet it doesn't.

In fact, the film's climactic shot is hugely apt for the film as a whole, acting as a teasing open ending, yet also alluding to the snapshot nature of the film. We learn so little about the backgrounds of these characters in its 105 minutes, that it acts more as a segment of their lives, rather than giving us the rounded characters you would expect.

However, the brothers' eye for character and performance, as well as the stark visuals that lend the film its woozy air, are spot on as ever.

In the lead role, Michael Stuhlbarg is the quintessential Coens everyman, yet delivers a performance that is so wonderfully underplayed as to never feel too unnatural.

His constant consternation and stress at the situations he finds himself in as a result of others, could have been portrayed in the angriest of terms, but instead, Stuhlbarg channels the rage under the surface – every so often pricking the skin of Larry.

Superb turns from the likes of Richard Kind (about the only recognisable member of the cast), Sari Lennick and Fred Melamed in a nicely comic turn, to name but three, give the film acting nous as well as the pedigree afforded it by its creators.

While some will point to the somewhat offbeat nature of A Serious Man and the fact that it is both thoroughly traditional yet uniquely odd all at the same time, it is fair to say that these aren't facets that make for a negative, particularly in the world of Coen.

While it generates more questions than answers and leaves you hanging for some kind of resolution, the film is that rarest of beasts in today's cinema – an intelligent movie that leaves you thinking once it has left the screen – and for that it can't be praised highly enough.

VERDICT – One of their most impressive works to date, A Serious Man is a fine piece of filmmaking from the brothers Coen.

It is a film that seems to say both everything and nothing, feeling like a personal project for the film makers, but it is certainly a truly excellent slice of cinema. *Highly recommended.*

Sculpture of Welsh actress unveiled at Dyffryn Gardens

THE fourth in a series of six ceramic sculptures by Welsh artist Katie Scarlett Howard, as part of the 'Woman of Substance' project was unveiled on November 25 at Dyffryn Gardens.

The subject of the latest figurative sculpture – the first to be located in South Wales – is actress Sian Phillips who has had a celebrated career across stage, film, television and radio, including her role in the powerful 1970s TV drama 'I Claudius'.

Katie Scarlett Howard said: "Sian Phillips is a fantastic subject for this sculpture, given her position as one of Wales' most respected actresses, and her strong connection with Dyffryn over many years.

"In the piece, I have focused on her critically-acclaimed depiction of Livia in 'I Claudius'. The work is Romanesque in style which ties-in with Dyffryn's request for a sculpture which would help them to celebrate the centenary of their Italian themed Pompeian Garden."

Pictured are artist Katie Scarlett Howard (on left) and Gerry Donovan, project manager and site curator, at Dyffryn Gardens with the sculpture of Welsh actress, Sian Phillips.

CAROL CONCERT

LLANTWIT Major Twinning Association's annual Christmas carol concert is held at St Illtyd's Church on December 7, at 7.30pm.

Taking part are the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band and Llanilltyd Fawr Primary School.

Admission £3, includes a free glass of wine and mince pie. Pay at the door.

GREEN DRINKS

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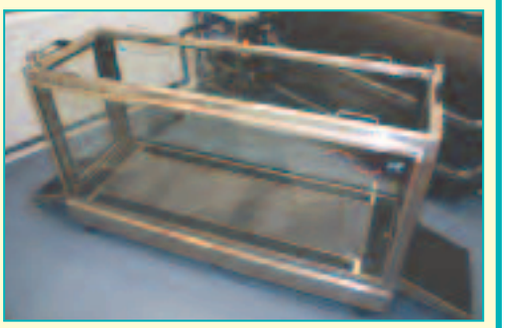

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Cadoxton & Cardiff Road prepare for Christmas

Family businesses makes Cadoxton popular with Christmas shoppers

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Cadoxton has developed an enviable reputation over the years, with reliable companies that have put their roots down in the area for the long term.

In this week's feature on Cadoxton and Cardiff Road, we have highlighted some real success stories.

For example, there's Phil Saunders' business, just across the road from Waitrose, which specialises in quality furniture and household goods at affordable prices.

Family businesses are a strong theme, with Roy's Toys, Allison's Celebration Cakes and D Rhys Jones and Son, notching up decades between them in the area.

We've also highlighted a familiar business to GEM readers – The Three Bells Inn – which has been under new management in the last year.

Marie and Tony Sheppard explain what they have been doing to pull the customers in on big sporting days and on Sundays.

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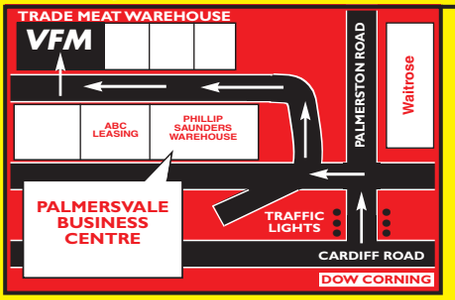

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Top quality goods at bargain prices are a way of life for Barry's furniture expert Phil!

WELL KNOWN local businessman Phillip Saunders has been on a mission for the last 40 years – to sell top quality branded goods at affordable prices.

Nowadays, Phil has two spacious warehouses in Barry and near Pontypridd, but he talks affectionately when he describes making his way up the hard way starting in Cardiff in the early 70s.

"I began in the Cardiff markets – Bessemer and Splott – and took in 40 foot artics crammed with goods.

"We sold china, dinner sets, electrical goods, that sort of thing, and they flew out. I became well known in Cardiff and gradually expanded."

The two warehouses were the result. When he first opened in Barry the unit traded over weekends, but the reaction of the public was so positive he quickly increased the hours, and is now open seven days a week.

The store is an Aladdin's cave of household goods, but it's the wide selection of furniture that jumps out at visitors.

What never ceases to astonish Phil is that people from Barry, Penarth and the rest of the Vale

ABOVE: Phil Saunders prides himself on offering the public good quality at value-for-money prices.

can travel into Cardiff to pay £2,000 to £3,000 for suites, beds or dining tables and chairs, when he does top names at vastly discounted prices.

"We've got many of the top household names in the furniture industry – Comfortluxe, Buoyant, Lebus, Silentnight, Myers, Airsprung, Sealey, and La-z-Boy.

"We've got great leather and fabric suites, and a wide choice of dining suites too."

The bargains keep coming as a visitor tours the warehouse – a smart leather corner unit £699, a five seater corner unit with two recliners £1,199, a rustic dining set with six chairs £499, a cane two seater three piece suite ideal for a conservatory just £399, and so it goes on…

Furniture is just a part of what the warehouse offers – there are dozens of household goods, soft furnishings, rugs, duvets, pillows, mirrors, crockery, clocks, ornaments, paintings – many ideal for Christmas presents. There is also a wide range of toys to keep the youngsters happy this festive season.

Phil's enthusiasm rubs off on the staff who pride themselves on their product knowledge and efficient service.

"Our suites and furniture can be delivered immediately, it's not a question of waiting weeks for it to come into the store like in some places.

"We have our own vans, so if someone is ready to receive their goods we'll get them out to them straight away. We'll also do interest free on certain goods."

Phil has exciting new plans to expand his range of furniture next year, but for the time being if you want quality furniture or household goods that won't break the bank you know where to go!

GREAT SERVICE A BYWORD AT THE THREE BELLS INN

THE Three Bells Inn in Cadoxton has an illustrious history dating back to the 15th Century and local couple Marie and Tony Sheppard are breathing new life into what is the only country pub in Barry.

The couple, both from Barry, took over the pub a year ago as Marie explained: "The opportunity came out of the blue and we decided to take the plunge.

"The first twelve months has been a case of working through what has been a tough time for everyone.

"But what has made a difference is identifying certain strengths. The response on big sporting occasions like Wales rugby matches has been fantastic – we've even dished up free curries and chillis at half time!

"Sunday lunch has been a big success too with all of our produce sourced locally, so much so that people even come from Cardiff."

There's a good reason for this. The pub is in Cadoxton old village, and has a rural appeal. It is set

LEFT: Marie Sheppard and the staff of The Three Bells in Cadoxton do a roaring trade in evening meals from Thursday to Saturday, and on Sundays .

back from the road with ample parking and has a large beer garden which is popular in the summer.

Sunday lunch is served from 12noon to 2.30pm and meals are also served in the evenings, Thursday to Saturday, from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

The Three Bells Inn will also cater for weddings, funerals, and christenings.

The pub has a fascinating history. It used to be a coach house on the Swansea to London run, the sort of place where Dick Turpin would have wanted a quick change of horses!

Nowadays, it is gaining a reputation for good food and drink, hospitality and friendliness, thanks to Marie, Tony and their dedicated staff.

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A FAMILIAR FACE, AND A FAMILY BUSINESS – THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF SHOPPING IN CADOXTON

FAMILY shops are an essential part of the business landscape in Cadoxton – and three of the most popular are Roy's Toys, Allison's Celebration Cakes and D Rhys Jones & Son.

Roy's Toys on Main Streeet is the ideal shop to get that special toy for a youngster at Christmas. The business is so well established that last year it celebrated its 25th anniversary of trading.

Owner Carol Brown told The GEM: "Two of the most popular toys this year are Ben Ten and In the Night Garden, which young families know well from the television shows.

"What has surprised me a little is how many of the traditional sorts of games have sold – Buckaroo, draughts, dominoes, ludo, snakes and ladders and Cluedo."

Carol runs a Christmas club in which people pay a 10 per cent deposit on toys and can then pay off the rest in instalments.

Among the dozens of other items she stocks are dolls, cuddly toys, crafts and one of her favourites, 'Operation' – in which youngsters can carry out an operation on a toy figure – with an alarm going off if a slip is made!

Carol added a reminder to those posting Christmas cards: "I've got a post box for the Scouts in the store and people should remember that December 7 is the last day for posting."

Another firm favourite in Cadoxton is Allison's Celebration Cakes, which is open from Mondays to Saturdays.

Allison, who is celebrating 20 years on Barry Road, has an unrivalled reputation for supplying all sorts of special occasion cakes with original designs.

The shop also offers catering products – sugar craft supplies, ribbons, cutters (a very popular range is Patchwork Cutters with dozens of shapes) and edible and non-edible cake decorations.

She said: "My Christmas order book is already full, but through the year I do every sort of celebration cake you can imagine – wedding, birthday, passing a driving test, anniversary – even divorce!"

For people who want to jazz up their own cakes, Allison has ribbons and hundreds of decorative figures.

She also stocks a wide range of books on making cakes, which make an ideal Christmas present.

Across the road from Allison another well-established family business in Cadoxton is D Rhys and Son, which offers people all the advice, fittings and help you need in terms of choosing new curtains or net curtains.

Ann and Rhys Jones offer a full measuring service, too.With winter drawing in and Christmas approaching, people start thinking of how to improve the interior of their home.

Ann said: "If people want made-to-measure curtains, the deadline for ordering is December 5."

If you can't make that deadline, the couple still have ready made curtains available; they also have a stylish selection of table cloths that would adorn any Christmas table.

ABOVE: Allison Manning produces original cake designs for every possible special occasions.

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COTTRELL LADIES ENJOY END OF SEASON DINNER

Mary Davies, Faith Crookes and Helen Little.

COTTRELL Park ladies enjoyed a very good end of season dinner, and after the meal, the team captains were introduced by Margaret Thomas, ladies' captain and they reported on their teams.

Mary Davies reported on behalf of Janet Griffiths, the friendly team captain, who was unable to attend. All the matches had gone well and the ladies who played in them had enjoyed the opportunity to play other courses and to make friends with lady golfers from other clubs. All matches are considered to be honourable draws.

The ladies second team report was given by the captain Faith Crookes. The team did very well in Division 8 West this year, and this was down to the commitment of the team players – Faith, Becki Flavin, Helen Poole, Cathy Norton and Vicki Long. She also thanked other ladies who occasionally filled in and the outstanding player was chosen as Becki Flavin.

The team was promoted to Division 7 West, with hopes of further success next year.

The ladies first team report was given by the captain Helen Little. She mentioned the Mail on Sunday competition where Cottrell unfortunately lost to the Vale in the first round, but they did better in the Welsh team championships, reaching the third day and the last sixteen.

The team of Gemma, Katie and Kay Bradbury, Helen Little and Sandra Collin did extremely well in the league, gaining promotion from Division Two to the Premier Division.

Margaret Rees, past captain, congratulated the first team on their remarkable achievement, progressing from Division Nine to One in just 11 years.

Margaret Thomas thanked the team captains and said how pleased she was with the team results; she presented each of them with a bouquet of flowers.

She mentioned the excellent progress of Gemma and Katie Bradbury this year, both representing Wales in the international girls and ladies championships and achieving good results.

Gemma Bradbury was congratulated on being chosen for the Curtis Cup squad and wished every success.

She also congratulated Helen Poole on becoming the ladies club champion, a remarkable double as she also won the club championship at Peterston Lakes.

All the ladies are now looking forward to the new season and, hopefully, further success.

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Hinds earns all three points as...

Dinas Powys hit the comeback trail and earn vital win

WEST END	**2**
DINAS POWYS	**3**

DINAS travelled to West End knowing that this was a must win game as both clubs are pushing to get away from the Division 1 relegation zone.

Dinas had four players unavailable due to injuries and suspensions, so this allowed manager Danny Kinsey the chance to give a debut to Mathew Jones on the right side of midfield.

Ashton Turner returned to the side after relocating to Wiltshire for work and Josh Reffell made his first start at left midfield.

The game started with the home side dominating the opening 15 minutes. On 35 minutes the visitors failed to clear a West End attack and the ball fell to the feet of their forward, who made no mistake.

Five minutes later, Andy Lane dived in on the advancing West End striker inside the penalty box, with the referee pointing to the spot where another referee may have given a goal kick.

The hosts' forward scored from the resulting spot kick giving the Dinas players an uphill struggle for the second half.

At half-time, Mark Dunford replaced Matt Jones and on 55 minutes Ricki Morgan picked up the ball on the halfway line, beat three players and then ran straight through the West End defence, chipping the ball over the advancing 'keeper for what has been described as a serious contender for individual goal of the season!

On the hour mark, Joe Hinds broke free on the left, and cut the ball back for Josh Reffell.

His intelligent dummy allowed Morgan to score his and Dinas' second goal to level the match.

This turnaround really gave the Dinas players the confidence they needed and they pressed forward at every opportunity.

On 65 minutes, Joe Hinds scored from a Morgan corner, which proved to be the match winner – a well deserved goal for the striker who worked tirelessly from the first minute.

West End replied quickly and could have drawn level within seconds if Peter Blain in the Dinas goal hadn't been on top form, pulling off a great save to deny the West End forward from point blank range.

The remainder of the game was played out with the Dinas centre half pairing of Lloyd Davies and recent signing Anthony Roberts winning every ball pumped forward towards them.

The great organisational skills of Andy Lane and the young Tom Hutton cut out any danger the home side were offering out wide.

Owain Adams and Rhodri Foote both came on as substitutes late in the game for Joe Hinds and Jacob Rudman who were both carrying knocks.

This Saturday, Dinas travel to high-flying Aberaman for a rearranged league match as original opponents Pontardawe are still involved in the league cup.

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Barry Tennis Club's season of success...

BARRY Tennis Club has enjoyed one of its most successful seasons ever, with some of its young talent being rated among the best in Wales.

The club's teams have been enjoying league success, and there have been more people coming along to have a go at tennis in the club's popular 'Rusty Rackets' programme or tennis coaching programmes.

Highlights during the season included: Jordan Helyer winning the Welsh under-18 men's title.

Three of his club mates – Dan Sidaway, Dan Pethig, and Mathew James – also made the top 10 under-18 players in Wales.

The national club league team finished third in Division 1, ranking it among the top 32 in the UK, considerably outperforming much bigger and better funded clubs, while an unbeaten run of eight wins out of eight by the first team gained them promotion to Premier 1 for the first time in 30 years.

Meanwhile, the second team topped the new Division 3 and were unbeaten in 10 games, while the club's newly-formed third team won nine out of 10 matches to win promotion.

Eighteen-year-old Luke Sidaway won the club's men's championship, and Jordan Helyer, together with 10-year-old Olivier Chivers took the club's mixed doubles tournament.

Commenting on their performance during the year, club captain Harry Emery, said: "We have a thriving club suitable for all grades of players. Our aim is to provide the best choice for anyone who loves their tennis in Barry. Our teams have done the club, Barry, and the Vale of Glamorgan proud."

For further details about Barry Tennis Club, call 01446 412352 or e mail: barrytennis@ntlworld.com or visit the club's web site at www.barrytennis.co.uk

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Barry Seconds seal derby day rout of local rivals Sully

SULLY	**12**
BARRY SECOND XV	**31**

AFTER much disruption of the Barry rugby schedule due to cancellations and internationals, Barry Second XV were finally back in action in an eagerly awaited local derby away to Sully.

With several experienced players missing, a number of players were given their first starts and their enthusiasm showed through in the early stages, as Barry dominated proceedings.

Lloyd Dutton and Kyle Case were colossal in the line-out and it was from a set piece near the Sully line that the former pounced on a loose ball to dive through.

Ashley Adams converted expertly from a difficult angle.

The home side rallied and managed a raid into the Barry twenty-two, but some superb defence kept Sully at bay, and when centre Dave Provis claimed turnover ball, he ran clear of the disorganised home defence to score underneath the posts. Adams adding the formalities.

In a game of passive scrums due to the home side's inability to field a front row, one of Barry's most dangerous weapons was neutralised, and it was from this set piece that the home side got back into the game, with their scrum half spinning around to ground in the corner for an unconverted try.

At half time the score was 5-14, and the away side realised that they should make their domination count.

However, it was Sully who opened the scoring in the second half. After replacement back row Hywel Jones was binned for an infringement, poor defending allowing the Sully scrum half to burst through to score again. The try was converted this time.

With the home side sniffing a comeback, Barry upped their efforts and Alyn Evans, who had been superb in ball carrying all afternoon, burst through a series of tackles to set up great field position for the forwards to push over.

James Hollister was the man to touch down, with Adams accurate again with the boot.

By now the away side was rampant. Back to their full quota of players, the forwards rolled on and Barry camped inside the opposition half for the rest of the game.

Ken Chow twice had chances to go over in the corner but was foiled by some excellent last ditch tackling, but in the end it was replacement scrum-half Nathan Jones who spotted a gap to score. Adams failed to add the extras.

The domination continued and it was inevitable that Barry would score again.

Lee Turnbull made a superb break and the ball was spun out wide to full back Alex Evans, who made no mistake by scoring his third try of the season. The conversion was missed from a difficult angle.

With the last play of the game, Alyn Evans tried to storm through for what seemed to be the hundredth time to score a deserved try, but a fantastic collective defensive effort foiled the centre on the line, and the game finished 12-31 to Barry.

Team: Alex Evans; Jeff Thomas, Dave Provis, Alyn Evans, Ken Chow; Joel Williams, Ashley Adams; Craig Manley, Lee Turnbull, James Hollister; Lloyd Dutton, Ben Hitchcock; Lee Jones, Kyle Case (captain), Will King. Subs used: Jay Ashill, Nathan Jones, Hywel Jones, Andrew Houldey, Jason Thomas.

Man-of-the-match was Alyn Evans.

KC

Big screen

BIG SCREEN's Christmas film this year is the musical classic *High Society* (Cert U), which will be shown on Thursday, December 10, at 7.30pm, in Cowbridge Town Hall.

It stars Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Grace Kelly and Louis Armstrong, with music by Cole Porter, including the original *Who wants to be a millionaire*.

Tickets £3 (available in advance from the town clerk's office or on the door.

WHAT'S ON - in brief

Combined concert

THERE will be a combined concert by Brackla Community Chorus Choir, Bridgend and Penybont Primary School Choir, at Brackla Community Hall, Bridgend, on Friday, December 4, at 7.15pm.

Vale AM's surgery

JANE HUTT, the Assembly Member for the Vale, will be holding a surgery on Saturday (December 5), from 10am-12noon at 115 High Street, Barry. No appointment necessary.

For further information, telephone her constituency office on 01446 740981.

Crossroads exhibition

DIANA MEAD is currently holding a small art exhibition at Foxy's Deli, Penarth (opposite Station Approach), at the invitation of the owners, Sian and Neil Fox, to raise money for Crossroads in the Vale, the 'Caring for Carers' charity.

The exhibition is simply titled 'Wales' and has original oil and watercolour paintings of local and other Welsh landscape. There are also prints of Penarth Beach with boat and the Dylan Thomas Boathouse at Laugharne

She is holding two open showings at 77 Coleridge Avenue, Penarth on , December 5 and December 12, from 11am-4.30pm.

Extended Christmas fayre at Dyffryn

FOLLOWING the success of last year's event, Dyffryn Gardens hosts an extended Christmas fayre on the weekends of December 5-6 and December 12-13, featuring local traders and craftspeople with a range of gifts and produce.

To be held in the old restaurant of the house, the fayre also provides visitors with the opportunity to enjoy a stroll around the gardens or take in the festive atmosphere.

Vale Council cabinet member for tourism and leisure Coun Anthony Ernest said: "Dyffryn's role in attracting visitors to the area and providing something different for local residents is vital and I am delighted to see that the fayre has expanded over two weekends in response to tremendous interest from both visitors and local traders alike."

There will also be a range of festive musical entertainment over both weekends, and, for all the younger visitors, Father Christmas will be making a special visit to the gardens on the final weekend.

Normal admission prices (for the winter period November 1 to February 28) will apply for the Christmas fayre (adult, £3, children £1, concessions £2, and family £7). The event runs from 10am-4pm, with last entry at 3pm.

Coffee and cards

CALL in to St Paul's Church hall, in St Paul's Avenue, Barry, this Saturday (December 5), between 10am-12noon, for coffee and mince pies, and you could win a penguin.

Hand-made Christmas cards will also be on sale and to win the penguin you have to guess its name.

The church is holding its annual coffee morning to raise funds to buy Christmas presents for church members who are elderly and housebound. Admission is just £1.50, which includes coffee and a mince pie.

Valeways walks

December 6, 2.30pm, a 'Windmill walk', from St Fagans. Start at St Mary's Church.

December 8, 1.30pm, Penarth 'promenade and parks'. Start at cliff top car park.

December 13, 2pm.'winter walk to Barry Island'. Start at Redbrink Crescent (entrance to Jackson Bay).

December 16, 1.30pm, 'North from Llysworney Wood'. Start at Carne Arms, Llysworney.

December 22, 2pm, 'Talygarn'. Start at Talygarn, side road before church near Millennium Heritage Trail sign.

December 27, 10am, Penarth |Ramblers festival of winter walks 'the downs and St George'. An easy four-mile walk. Meet at the Downs (A48 top of Culverhouse Cross Hill).

December 28, 10.30am. Golden Stairs to Porthkerry church. Start at All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry.

VALE PACT MEETINGS

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, tomorrow, (December 4), Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, 11.30am.

STANWELL PACT, tomorrow, (December 4), All Saints Church Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 7pm.

SULLY PACT, December 10, Jubilee Hall, 8pm.

PENDOYLAN Community Council meeting, Pendoylan School, December 10, 7.45pm.

RHOOSE PACT surgery, Rhoose Post Office, December 15, 10am.

RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, December 15, 7pm.

ST HILARY coffee and chat meeting, Village Hall, December 15, 11am.

LLANDOW PACT, Ewenny Village Hall, December 16, 7pm.

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NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT THE BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Children in Need gives pupils chance of revenge!

BARRY Comprehensive School held a Children in Need fundraising day on November 20 when pupils and staff wore casual clothes and donated £1 each to the charity.

Some pupils took to the corridors in fancy dress to collect donations while other pupils were sponsored to spend the day tied together.

The Welsh Baccalaureate students organised and ran a very popular morning of 'Guitar Hero' on the big screen in the hall, making sure to collect donations from the players.

Teachers braved the stocks during a chilly break time, with sponge wielding pupils out for revenge.

Street Soccer was a popular event with giant blue wheelie bins as targets and there were plenty of pupils ready to accept a challenge on the basketball court.

A geography classroom was quickly transformed into the venue for a table-tennis tournament.

The staff took on the sixth form in football at lunchtime, with spectators paying to watch the sixth form beat the staff 2-1.

There was a baking competition and male teachers and sixth formers also volunteered to undergo leg waxing, with the audience of students paying to watch proceedings.

Barry Comprehensive's answer to X Factor took a break this year to make way for a Strictly Come Dancing competition.

Through the combined efforts of the school council, year councils, Welsh Baccalaureate students and all the pupils and staff, we raised £2,200 and had lots of fun along the way. A big thank you to all the pupils and staff involved for making the day a success

Thanks to Alex, Drew, Kyle and Mrs Hill for the extra photos.

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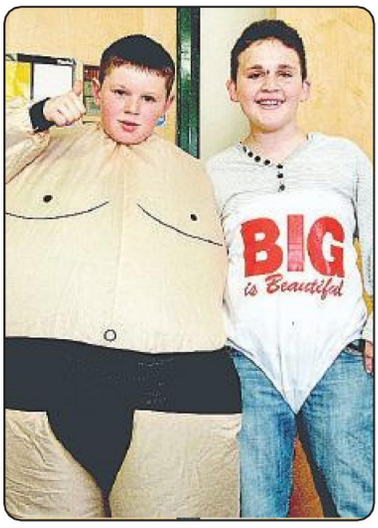
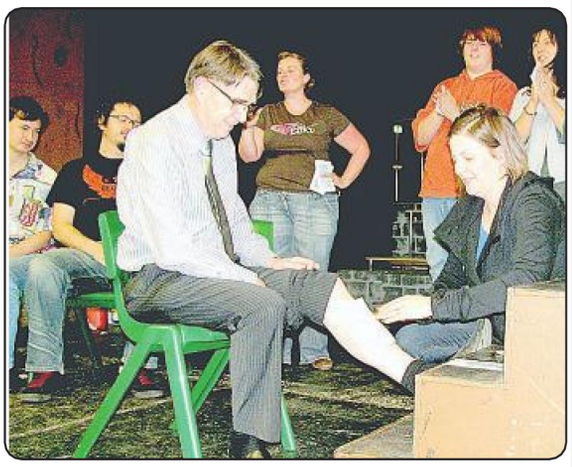
Enjoying the Children in Need cakes.

Mr Ingle and the Street Striker stars.

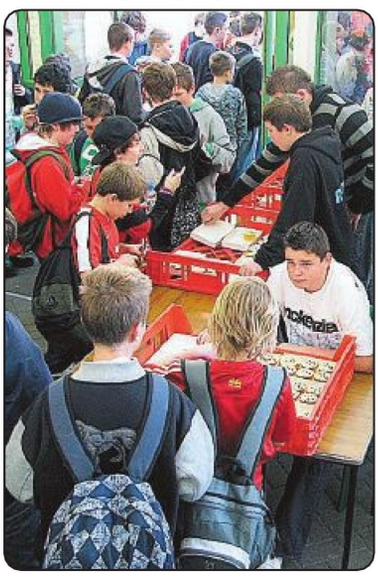


Pupils in fancy dress.

The Blues Brothers pay a visit.



Mr Swallow is first for the wax.



The cake stall.

Guess the number of sweets in the jar.

NEWS FROM BARRY MEN'S FORUM

Things you should know if you're Welsh!

THE formidable combined mental resources of Barry Men's Forum were put to a severe, but enjoyable test last week.

Cardiff-born, retired dental surgeon, Graham Penn appeared before those attending to ensure their grey-cells were working by testing them to the limit about all things Welsh, and some that were not.

Members are, of course, well used to digesting all manner of erudite presentations on Thursday mornings, but the challenge last week was of a different order.

They discovered that Mr Penn has, in recent times, constructed the format of an unusual and testing quiz to be used at meetings such as theirs.

Those present found themselves divided into competitive teams who then had to try to answer the mixture of questions presented to them by way of a slide show.

They had to try and identify, not just the statue of Lord Davies in Barry, say, but answer where he was born? A picture of Monmouth led to the question of which monarch was raised there? Who was the Prince of Wales in the 19th century known for his athletic sexual activities in Paris?

After the question was asked, a picture of the apprentice king was then shown on the screen – not, it has to be said, engaged in anything of a doubtful nature, but looking rather splendid in uniform. This is just a sample of some of the 50 questions asked.

As can be appreciated, a somewhat unusual morning was enjoyed by all present and a donation was made to the Alzheimers' Society by the speaker at the conclusion of his talk.

Today (December 3), our speaker is Dave Townsend whose subject is 'Fevelas of Brazil'.

Meetings are held every Thursday at 10.30am. For further information, telephone 029 2059 4881. **MC**

NEWS FROM POSITIVE IMAGE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Lessons from a master craftsman

IT has often been said that 'the camera cannot lie' and to a great extent that is true, but it has always been possible to manipulate what is in front of the camera.

The allegation that Joe Rosenthal's 1945 Pulitzer prize-winning photograph of US Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima was actually staged (which it wasn't) is the stuff of legend.

Since then, the advent of digital photography has made all things possible – the camera still cannot lie – but the possibilities for manipulating images after the picture has been taken are endless.

At the November meeting, PIPS members were treated to a 'Masterclass' in image manipulation by a true craftsman, Dave Russell. A professional 'image educator', Dave's enthusiasm and obvious love of sharing his knowledge with others made for a very enjoyable evening.

His demonstration, which was all digital projection, clearly showed how Photoshop can be used, not only to 'tweak' images to tidy them up, but also to take image manipulation much further – as far, in fact, as your imagination can go!

By using lots of before and after images Dave took his audience through a range of procedures to gain improvements in images and to manipulate them further in a way that enabled members to follow exactly how it was done.

On December 10, Steve Jones will be taking us travelling and telling the tales behind the images.

Positive image Photographic Society meets at 730pm on alternate Thursday evenings at St Baruc's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island. Contact website at www.positiveimage-barry.org.uk.

DA

Councillors' surgery

THE Vale and town councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery, on Saturday, December 5, from 10.30am-12pm, at the Drop-In Centre, No 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry. No appointment is necessary.

If you can't make it, but need advice, contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506 116.

St Richard Gwyn pupils get busy for Children in Need

Pupils at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School worked hard raising cash during their breaks and lunch hour on Children in Need day.

A fantastic £596.11 was collected through activities such as guessing the wight of a Pudsey cake, to Spice Girls look-a-likes!

ABOVE:
Class 9CD raised over £90 with their sponsored silence!

ABOVE:
How many sweets in the jar?

ABOVE:
Office staff became Spice Girls for the day and raised money in reception.

Palmerston Primary pupils' Pudsey Factor

THESE pictures were taken when Palmerston Primary School raised cash for Children In Need during a 'bow' day and 'Pudsey Factor', when children had the opportunity to go on stage and perform.

Dancers, singers and poets raised more than £300.

'WE ARE THE (VALE'S CRIME PREVENTION) CHAMPIONS'

PUPILS at St Richard Gwyn are celebrating success as Vale winners in the South Wales Police Crime Prevention Competition and will go on to represent the Vale in January.

"We worked hard in our personal and social education sessions, with older pupils testing us in preparation for stiff competition," commented Abby (aged-12).

PSE coordinator at St Richard Gwyn, Mrs Moya Sanders, was delighted with the team's well-deserved success and wishes them luck in the next leg of the competition.

St Richard Gwyn came first, beating pupils from Stanwell and Cowbridge into second and third place respectively.

Gladstone Primary School fill 137 boxes of gifts for needy children

THE playground was full of cheers last Wednesday at Gladstone Primary School as children and staff gathered outside to watch and count the filled shoeboxes they collected for Operation Christmas Child.

For many years, inspired by former pupil Alice Lloyd-Selby, children at Gladstone have been helping others by filling shoeboxes with presents and goodies and sending them to children throughout the world in disadvantaged situations.

Every year, the number of shoeboxes donated by the Gladstone families has risen and this year was no exception- with a grand total of 137 boxes, one more than last year.

"Year after year, I feel humbled by the generosity of the families at Gladstone who are prepared to help so many children that they'll never meet. It just shows what a wonderfully spirited community Gladstone Primary School is," said teacher Sarah Creasey.

NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Pupils give their own progress report

BARRY Comprehensive School's year-7 pupils welcomed their parents/guardians and families to the annual 'Pupil Progress Presentation Evening' last week.

During the evening, boys made presentations about their learning to demonstrate the progress that they have made since joining the school in September.

Parental involvement in learning is vital in ensuring pupils achieve at their highest level. As part of this school/home partnership, parents were asked to note targets for improvement in key areas and support materials were provided to help.

The learning support department was particularly dynamic, as several pupils chose music as an area they felt they had most improved in. Parents enjoyed hearing their sons play and talking about their improvements in music.

Feedback about the evening was collected from parents in the form of a Parental Questionnaire. A total of 110 questionnaires were returned at the end of the evening and 28 parents took the time to write in the 'Any comments' section. Results of the questionnaire were overwhelmingly positive and the document is available at www.barrycomp.com

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Kyron kicks his way to a gold medal

BARRY Comprehensive year-8 pupil Kyron Caddick has just returned from the World Traditional Karate and Kickboxing Association world championships with a gold medal.

Kyron attended the competition in Italy as a member of the GB Squad. He fought off competition from England and Italy in the preliminary rounds, before facing a competitor from Germany in the final.

A solid 5-0 win secured first place, an impressive belt and a gold medal. Congratulations Kyron!

Kyron with his winner's belt and gold medal.

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Top trainer Tim attends hunt supper

Centre front: Tim Vaughan, centre back Hunt chairman, Graham Nelson, with the four Joint-Masters – Ross Lewis, Martyn Edwards, Graham David and Mike Gibbon.

THE Glamorgan Hunt held a well attended supper recently.

The entertainment committee provided an excellent meal, which was followed by the speaker for the evening, Tim Vaughan, the racehorse trainer from Aberthin.

Tim gave an interesting account of his career and business and answered many searching questions, including a request for tips for the next winner!

Photo by HEATHER MARCH

Dancing the night away gives Heroes fund a £1,500 lift

CARDIFF Airport staff and regulars of the Flying Club recently sang and supported Help for Heroes by having a Karaoke/Disco night.

The evening was a huge success and a "whopping £1,585.43" was raised in total, of which £200 will be donated to local charity Challenge Wales, a spokesperson reported.

Code-breaker Betty receives service badge

Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams and the Mayoress, his wife, Joan, admire the Bletchley Park commemorative badge presented to Mrs Betty Sander, a resident of Tower Hill Residential Home, Penarth.

A WOMAN who has been awarded a commemorative badge in recognition of her services at Bletchley Park during the Second World War, has received the congratulations of Vale Coun Emlyn Williams.

A resident of Tower Hill Residential Home, Penarth, London-born Mrs Betty Sander is 93 years old and served at The Government Code and Cypher School from June, 1940, to the end of the war.

Mrs Sander married Ronald Sander in June, 1945, and the family have lived in the south Wales area since moving to Cardiff in 1960.

Coun Williams said: "Mrs Sander and the thousands of people who worked at Bletchley Park and its outstations, played a vital part in the war effort and the award of a commemorative badge is fitting recognition of their loyal service."

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WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE

Mr Julian Holder – **26 Sully Terrace, Penarth** – change of use from first floor flat and ground floor shop to single residential house.
Miss Rosie Farqhar – **Llwyn Draen, Ystradowen, Cowbridge** – replacement dwelling with associated double garage, pool building and guest building, plus alterations and extension to domestic curtilage.
Mr Nigel Harris – **37 Smithies Avenue, Sully** – single storey rear extension, alteration to garage and loft conversion.
Mr P Ooss – **66 Porth Y Castell, Barry** – single storey extension to lounge at rear of property.
Galliard Estates Ltd – **former Sully Hospital, Hayes Road, Sully** – in retrospect, the display of four non-illuminated advertisements for the purposes of the sale and letting of property. Advertisement A – 212cms high, 130cms in width. Advertisement B – 286cms high, 155cms in width (with arrow sign). Advertisement C – 212cms high, 130cms in width. Advertisement D – 286cms high, 155cms in width (with arrow sign).
Dr Miser – **3 Radcliff Walk, Ystradowen** – extension to rear and side (single storey) to house two bedrooms and shared shower room for two disabled children (amended application).
Mr Michael Davies – **Post Office, 183 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – change of use of former ground floor post office to residential use to create one single dwelling (with the upper two storey apartment).
Mr Stephen Hurst – **4 St Teilo Avenue, Barry** – two bedroom semi-detacheddwelling.
Mrs Marjorie Anderson – **15 Hickman Road, Penarth** – dismantle rear chimney stock and slate over.
Mr Martin Brook – **47 Porth-y-Castell, Barry** – glazed enclosure to existing balcony.
Mr Paul Thomas – **Lydmore Farm, Dyffryn** – demolition of existing lean-to sheds and erection of new extension containing entrance hall and living room. Alteration and extension to create new utility and breakfast rooms.
New Broad Street Motors Limited – **New Broad Street Motors Ltd, Broad Street, Barry** – removal of existing timber screens and dwarf brick walls to front elevation facing onto Broad Street. Replacement with new aluminium framed screens and some areas of infill brickwork. Replacement of existing fascia above.
Eclipse Hotels – **Holiday Inn Cardiff Airport, Port Road, Rhoose** – three sets of replacement iluminated letters, one replacement part illuminated free-standing signs, one new post mounted sign and building illumination.
Mr Dermot Creegan – **Waterton House, Brocastle** – double storey extension to side of existing house to provide a family room and bedroom.
Mr Dave Francis – **rear of 25 Heol Yr Ysgol, St Brides Major** – a new split-level detached bungalow with associated car parking and garden amenity space.
Mr David Watkins – **4 Highlight Lane, Barry** – retention of garage.
Mrs Nina Chivers – **41 Marine Drive, Barry** – proposed loft conversion, roof alterations and garden store/workshop (domestic use only).
Mr John and Mrs Sue Bridle – **Breynton, Twyncyn, Dinas Powys** – infill of existing porch to front elevation with new replacement balustrading to balcony at first floor.
Julian and Kathy Baines – **Brynglas, Sully Road, Penarth** – proposed first floor extension over existing ground floor to provide master suite.
Mr Mark Thomas – **12 Marine Walk, Ogmore-by-Sea** – first floor extension and extended balcony to front of existing house.
Mr James Brennan – **327 Barry Road, Barry** – new vehicular access and formation of hard-standing to front.
Mr Robert Hort – **P & A Joinery & Glazing, Herbert Street and Gilbert Street, Barry** – demolition of existing joinery and glass factory and construction of 21 one and two bedroom housing association flats in linked two and three storey blocks, with on site parking and landscaped areas.
Ms P Cranston – **2 Grove Terrace, Penarth** – demolition of existing rear annex and construction of two storey rear extension.
Mr Neill O'Donovan – **10 Robin Hill, Dinas Powys** – garden shed/store.
Mr Dick Jones – **40 Bron y Gloyn, Rhoose** – proposed garage conversion.
Mr Nigel England – **Pwll-y-Darren Farm, Welsh St Donats, Cowbridge** – installation of one 11KW Gaia wind turbine, mounted on an 18m free standing mast on a 5m2 concrete base. The turbine is a twin-bladed design and is manufactured as a single composite unit 13m in diameter.
Mrs B Pidgeon – **Melrose, swanbridge Road, Sully** – proposed parking bay/crossover.
Mr and Mrs C Williams – **The Three Tuns, St Nicholas** – demolish existing single storey outbuilding to rear, construct new single storey extension to rear wing adjacent to western boundary.
Mr Andrew Thomas – **New Breach Farm, Crossways, Cowbridge** – relocation of access serving property.
Mr and Mrs RD Mundy – **Meadow lane, Penarth** – new two bedroomed bungalow.
Mr Shaun Ryan – **Crynallt, Llancarfan** – double storey extension to side of property.
Mr and Mrs S Davies – **27 Heol Leubren, Pencoedtre, Barry** – single storey side extension and new rear vehicular access.
Mr Colin Anstee – **Willow Cottage, Treoes** – lawful development certificate for use of barn for storing agricultural and horticultural machines used on smallholding and in Anstee Landscapes & Tree Felling Contractors Ltd and the retention of lean-to structure used to repair machines for smallholding and business.
Mr John Jones – **Works compound adjacent to Building 159, West Camp, St Athan (MoD)** – proposed new technical stores building.
Mr Quinn – **Garnllwyd, Llancarfan** – two storey rear extension.
Tesco Stores Ltd – **Tesco Stores Ltd, Terra Nova Way, Penarth** – replacement of existing recycling area with new Tomra automated recycling machine and associated car parking.
Mr Paul Phillips – **12 Pembroke Close, Dinas Powys** – proposed single storey extension to front and two storey extension to rear.
Mr and Mrs J Canning – **79 Castle Drive, Dinas Powys** – two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.
Mr P Cale – **Crow Hill Fields, Argae Lane, Westra, Dinas Powys** – block of timber stables for stabling horses.
Mr JF and Mrs G Thomas – **The Cross, Church Road, Llanblethian** – remove conifer from rear garden.
ESA Tree Care Ltd – **1 Kingscombe Cottages, Factory Lane, Llanblethian** – pollard willow in rear garden.
Mr C Terry – **Woodlands Lodge, Bonvilston** – removal of two pines, one Eucalyptus and row of laurels.
Ms J Thomas – **Beechcroft, Llancarfan** – removal of three Leylandii.
Alison Enterprises – **90 Fontygary Road, Rhoose** – construction of five two storey detached houses with detached single storey garages, new private driveway access onto fontygary Road.
Miss Alison Steele – **OS field parcel 1182, Llansannor** – place a mobile field shelter and mobile tool shed on the field (retrospective).
Mr Nathan Strong – **8 Seaview Drive, Ogmore by Sea** – proposed single storey extension to rear.
Mr Grainger – **37 Somerset Road, Barry** – porch to front.
Mr Martin Rees – **Coach House Farm, Michaelston Le Pit** – proposed loose housing cattle accommodation building to include a parlour and dairy with slurry storage facilities. Proposed machinery, feed and straw storage building.
Mr Richard Balman – **6 Wyndham Street, Barry** – two storey extension (amendments to previously approved scheme reference 08/00042/FUL).
Paulett Farms – **Ty Draw Farm, Llantrithyd** – three bedroom agricultural dwelling house.
Mrs Annalisa Jones – **149 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys** – outline application for two-three bed detached dwelling with some matters reserved.
Mrs Hilary Bennett – **27 Station Street, Barry** – proposed bathroom extension.
Connections Design – **Sheepcourt Farm, Bonvilston** – two storey side extension and conservatory to rear.
The Governors and Trustees – **Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School, Pendoylan** – demolition of temporary classrooms, construction of extension, refurbishment of existing school, access and parking improvements. Provide two storey temporary accommodation during construction work.
Mr Damien McKanna – **22 Heol Corswigen, Barry** – proposed first floor extension.
Dow Corning Ltd – **Dow Corning Ltd, Cardiff Road, Barry** – construct an open steel structure for the support of process vessel and pipework as an extension to the existing W949 structure.
Hurley & Davies Ltd – **12 Paget Road, Barry Island** – proposed refurbishment of 12 Paget Road to provide A3 use café/restaurant to lower ground and ground floor with proposed rear extension to extend the existing residential dwelling to floors above.
Mr Rees – **The Coach House, Bolgoed Farm, Hensol Road, Hensol** – conversion of disused barn to bedroom and single storey extension to existing dwelling. Conversion of disused pen to farm office.
Mr T Pack – **48 Fonmon Road, Rhoose** – existing roof increase by approximately 1m and rear extension to existing bungalow.
Mr Simon Sandford-Taylor – **9 Nantlais, Corntown** – extension of kitchen-diner.
Hanson Quarry Products – **Fforest Fawr Farm, Fforest Road, Llanharry** – western extension to Fforest Wood Quarry.

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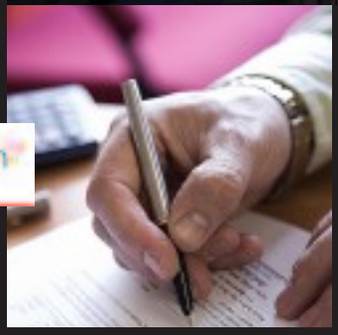

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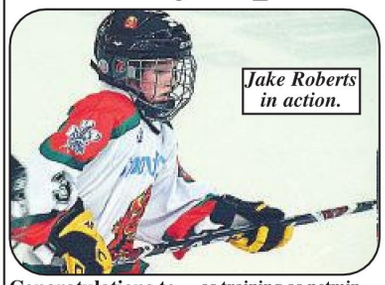
Jake makes hockey squad



Jake Roberts in action.

Congratulations to Jake Roberts of St David's School, Colwinston, on his selection by the under-11s South West Conference ice hockey team for 2009-10.

Jake plays as a first line defender for the Cardiff Junior Devils under-12s team, as well as training as netminder with the under-14s.

The South West Conference team is selected from the top young ice hockey talent in the south west, and 23 have been selected for the training squad, with just 20 chosen to represent their regions at annual tournaments in Holland and Hull.

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THE SEA VIEW LADS IN A STRUGGLE WITH THE WEATHER (*and the fish!*)

FISHING has been unpredictable at Sea View Lads Angling Club during the past month as has the weather.

Congers and rays together with dogs and whiting, have made the scales with many undersized pin whiting, and even baby codling being caught.

The first leg of the Christmas competition was fiercely contested with nearly 40 anglers, yet most were fishless on the day and suffered a constant deluge and north easterly winds to add to the misery.

The club is confident that next week's competition, the second leg of the Christmas event, will be a better affair with lots of fish and hot balmy weather!

Results: November 29 – Christmas leg one – 1st, E Collins, 10lb 15ozs conger; 2nd, N Warner, 2lb 10ozs pout, conger; 3rd, G Morgan, 1lb 12ozs dog; 4th, P Coles, 1lb 5ozs dog, pout; 5th, I Ladner, 1lb 4ozs whiting; 6th, G Cushen, 1lb 3ozs whiting.

November 22 – 1st, R Harris, 1lb 08ozs 5-beard rockling, pout; 2nd, A Harris, 1lb 01ozs pout; 3rd, J Wyatt, 10ozs pout.

November 20 – 1st, P Coles, 16lb 06ozs blonde ray, dog, whiting; 2nd, W Taylor, 9lb 04ozs small-eyed ray, dog, whiting; 3rd, R Lougher, 2lb 06ozs dogs; 4th, E Collins, 1lb 12ozs dog; 5th, J Wyatt, 1lb 08ozs dog, pout.

November 15 – 1st, E Collins, 15lb 6ozs s/eyed ray, dogs, pouts; 2nd, W Taylor, 5lb 8ozs dogs; 3rd, J Wyatt, 4lb 13ozs, dogs, pouts; 4th, P Coles, 4lb 1ozs dogs; 5th, M Langford, 1lb 4ozs whiting, pout; 6th, P Crook, 15ozs pout.

November 8 – 1st, R Lougher, 22lb 2ozs conger, sole and pouts; 2nd, M Langford, 5lb 4ozs conger, pout and slug; 3rd, L McDonald, 4lb 11ozs thornback ray; 4th, B Harris, 1lb 2oz pouts; 5th, A Harris, 12ozs pout; 6th, W Taylor, 8oz pout.

November 6 – 1st, J Wyatt, 8lb 4ozs conger, pout; 2nd, R Lougher, 3lb 10ozs dogs; 3rd, A Campbell, 1lb 3ozs dog; 4th, M Langford, 1lb 1oz dog; 5th, A Jones, 14ozs dog.

November 1 – 1st, R Lougher, 11lbs 8ozs smal- eyed ray; 2nd, E Collins, 7lbs 15ozs conger, pout; 3rd, J Wyatt, 5lbs 6ozs conger; 4th, H Williams, 1lbs 10ozs slug, pout; 5th, A Harris, 1lbs 4ozs dog; 6th, M Langford, 14ozs pout.

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Barry netballers have good start to season

THE Barry netball club A and B squads have had a very positive start to the season and both are currently third in their respective divisions in the Cardiff and District leagues.

The B team, made up of 14-17 year olds, are playing brilliantly against adult teams and have won five out of six games in division six.

They are playing with skill and maturity beyond their years and are a joy to watch. Their captain and vice captain, Megan Doyle and Amber Pringle, are doing a great job and should be proud of their matches so far.

The A team have also had a good start and they are going from strength to strength each week, with the help of Julian Mctavish their fitness coach.

Well done to Amber Pringle who was recently chosen for the County squad.

Anyone wishing to play netball should contact Linda Rees on 01446749965 and new players aged 8-adult are always welcome. Training takes place every Monday in term time at the Colcot Sports hall (New Hall).

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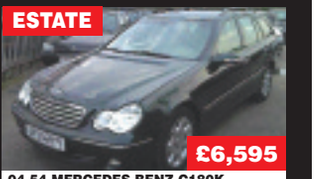

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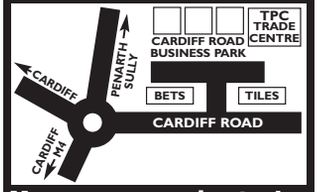

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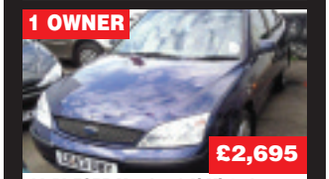

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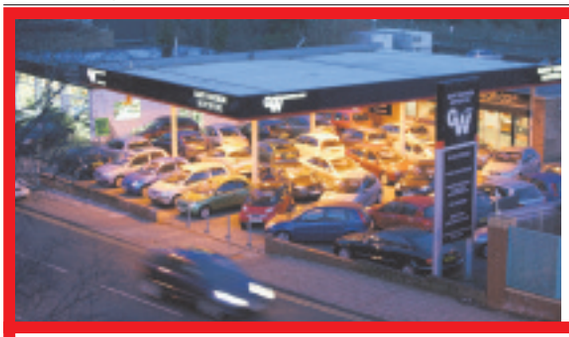

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The regions too are responsible for the state of Welsh play

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

IF one of the key objectives of the autumn internationals was to ascertain if the gap between the two hemispheres really has narrowed, the home nations, with the possible exception of Ireland, will be disappointed, as the results were patchy and at best inconclusive.

The battling Irish have some cause for satisfaction from typically robust displays, culminating in Saturday's 15-10 win over weary world champions, South Africa; while Scotland edged out Australia, but were then in turn stymied by Argentina - who were unlucky to be once-mighty England's sole autumn scalp.

What, though, of Wales? The 2008 Grand Slam champions may have slipped back somewhat since those heady early days of the Gatland-Edwards regime, yet they still provided a large percentage of the British & Irish Lions squad who ran the world champions so close in South Africa last summer, and were hoping to claim three big southern hemisphere scalps out of four on home soil.

In the event, they were easily contained by Graham Henry's All Blacks, narrowly defeated Samoa, and had Shane Williams to thank for punishing error-ridden Argentina, before their own endemic flaws were finally exposed by a rampant Australia, who ran in four tries in the 33-12 rout at the Millennium Stadium on Saturday.

True, the Welsh squad had been cruelly hit by injuries to key players – and then on the eve of the match they lost their main ball-carrier, inspirational skipper Ryan Jones; before Lady Luck glowered again – with Shane Williams, Matthew Rees and Leigh Halfpenny all departing the field of play with injuries.

It is doubtful, though, if the result would have been any different had they remained, for the previously misfiring Australians came to Cardiff determined to vent all the frustrations of their short tour on hapless Wales.

They had a single-minded mission to stifle and destroy, signalling their intention at the very first scrum, and finally exposing the Welsh Achilles heel, the lack of a specialist tight head, in the absence of the near-irreplaceable Adam Jones.

They then proceeded to contain and then systematically dismantle Wales in every aspect of play, without ever really being extended, smoothly running in their four tries, while comfortably defending their own line and limiting the home team to just four successful penalties.

Once again, the Welsh game plan foundered on the all too familiar pattern of often unforced basic errors.

Last week, I wrote that *'consistency, control, and precision continue to be three elusive targets…'* and these fundamental requirements for success were again woefully absent against the Wallabies.

As the Wales camp ruefully reflect on the lessons they have been taught by two of the three southern hemisphere giants, it can only be hoped that these will be absorbed and applied in the Six Nations, as the Rugby World Cup looms ever larger on the horizon.

In this respect, though, their destiny is not entirely in the hands of the national team coaches, as the responsibility for the standard of Welsh play surely has to be shared by the next tier down – the four Welsh regions, whose lack of '*consistency, control and precision*' (never mind individual skill levels and creativity) is reflected in their continuing lack of success on the big stage.

Perhaps instead of constant off-field moaning over levels of WRU funding, and player-release issues, the regions' leaders should sit down with the national coaching team and commit to a coordinated master-plan – agree on-field objectives, and finally move the erratic displays, at both regional and national level, out of the Welsh propensity for rugby's equivalent of 'boom and bust'.

Then the kind of public humbling seen on Saturday (and even more devastatingly at the hands of lowly Fiji during the last World Cup) could truly become a thing of the past.

What a great reward that would be for the legions of paying fans who loyally pack the Millennium Stadium each and every time Wales play!

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Former players come back to haunt team as...

CHAMPIONS DENY TOWN A WELL-DESERVED WIN

BARRY TOWN	**2**
ABERAMAN ATHLETIC	**2**

SECOND and third place in the league met at Jenner Park on Saturday, as the hosts faced Aberaman Athletic.

The football played by the Dragons in the first 20 minutes could easily have been on display at earlier times in the club's history and they deservedly took the lead in the 15th minute.

Striker Sam Small hit a fierce low shot into the box that the visiting keeper could only parry, and tireless midfielder Nickie Jones followed up and struck into the net.

The second for the Dragons arrived just two minutes later, when Nickie's brother Scott arrived in the box after some lovely interplay by the Dragons' players and he put a beautifully-controlled drive past the visiting keeper.

However, Aberaman Athletic showed that they were not current champions for nothing and began to get back into the game.

In the 34th minute former Town player Nicky Hooper, who seems to have a habit of scoring against the Dragons, burst into the penalty area and fired the ball sweetly to the left of the retreating Dan Bradley to reduce the deficit.

The second half was dominated by the referee's whistle, with four yellow cards and a harsh red for the home side and a few yellows for the visitors.

Aberaman's equaliser, which brought huge unbelieving smiles to the visiting fans faces and angry scowls and howls of derision from the home support, came in the latter stages of the match.

Lewis Cosslett, once again giving an assured performance in the centre of defence, was adjudged by the referee of pushing the opposing striker in the box.

To the apparent astonishment of both teams he awarded a penalty which was dispatched low into the net with some aplomb by Jonathan Kift, another former Barry player.

The game ended 2-2, but could, and should, have been so much better for both sets of fans.

Next up: Friday December 4, Bryntirion Athletic in the Nathaniel Car Sales League Cup, round three (kick-off 7.45pm at Jenner Park).

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